

Table 5: ARWU Rankings - 2003 and 2014

- Note: Only the top 100 universities receive an individual rank . Three Japanese universities have individual ranks The other Asian¹ universities in the 101-150 category are arranged alphabetically and the rank is within country

| Rank 2003 | World's Top Universities 2003 | Rank 2014 | World's Top Universities 2014 | Rank 2014 Country/ Asia | World Rank 2014 | Asia's Top Universities 2014 |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Harvard | 1 | Harvard | 1 | 21 | U Tokyo |
| 2 | Stanford | 2 | Stanford | 2 | 26 | Kyoto U |
| 3 | Cal Tech | 3 | MIT | 3 | 78 | Osaka U |
| 4 | UC Berkeley | 4 | UC Berkeley | 4-6 | | Hokkaido U |
| 5 | Cambridge | 5 | Cambridge | 4-6 | | Nagoya U |
| 6 | MIT | 6 | Princeton | 1 | | National U of Singapore |
| 7 | Princeton | 7 | Cal Tech | 1 | | National U of Taiwan |
| 8 | Yale | 8 | Columbia | 1 -3 | | Peking U |
| 9 | Oxford | 9 | Chicago | 1 | | Seoul National U |
| 10 | Columbia | 10 | Oxford | 1 -3 | | Shanghai Jiao Tong |
| 11 | Chicago | 11 | Yale | 4-6 | | Tohoku U |
| | | | | 1-3 | | Tsinghua U |

- For the purposes of these articles we are focusing on Eastern Asia and excluding the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand