

Appendix 44-2 - C: National Rankings: Australia and New Zealand, Canada, India, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore and the United Kingdom

Given the current world situation, students who want to study outside their home countries may be looking for alternative destinations.

[IREG Observatory on Academic Rankings and Excellence](#) maintains an inventory of national rankings. Rankers fill out a brief survey in order to be listed. Being listed in this inventory only means that the ranking has some kind of oversight board. Many of the rankings have not been updated and some require login.

UPDATES to INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY RANKINGS from earlier RR articles

Australia and New Zealand – Ruth’s Rankings [18](#) and [19](#)

Note that Australia is facing problems attracting Chinese students (Ross).

Australian Research Council (2019). [State of Australian University Research](#), 2018-2019. This report rates 42 Australian university on specific research areas, using the ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia).

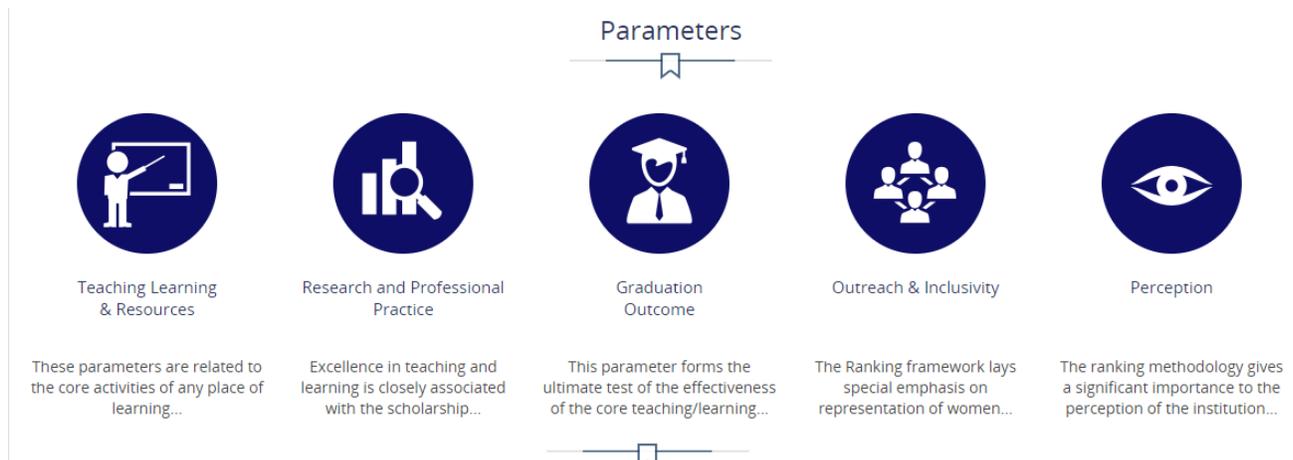
University of Melbourne is number one in the first three categories

- [World rankings](#) composite for THE, QS, ARWU and U.S. News 30%
- [ERA results](#) – 30%
- Domestic demand based on entry scores from standard test [ATAR](#) – 20%
- Student survey 10%
- [International student](#) enrollment numbers- 5% - RMIT has almost 50% international undergrads
- [Gender inclusiveness](#) 5% - Australian Catholic U has the highest percent of female students and the highest percent of students are in health care and education.

New Zealand has eight universities that are funded by the government and are part of PBRF, Performance-based Research Fund. [Education Central](#) analyzes the government research data and provides its own rating, based on size dependent and size normalized data. Auckland University is number one and Victoria University becomes number one when adjusted for size. They also compare the New Zealand universities’ performance in eight 2018 global rankings.

India – Ruth’s Rankings [22](#)

- [NIRF](#)- National Institutional Ranking Framework is published annually since 2016 under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The latest report is 2019. 2020 has been postponed. It includes a PDF report for 100 ranked universities and institutes. There are rankings for best overall, universities, engineering and professional sectors. Indian Institute of Technology Madras is number one. A complete report is [available](#). See the Figure below for the [parameters](#) for Overall rankings.



Malaysia- Ruth's Rankings [24](#)

- [SETARA](#) is the **rating** system of the Ministry of Higher education. The latest rating is for 2017. Institutions are rated based on age -Mature, Emerging, and University Colleges - and performance across four categories: Institutional profile, Teaching and learnings, Research capacity and Services and income. Weighting vary by age category. Eight mature institutions received six stars. Branch campuses are included.
- Malaysia in the world - **RR 24 asked whether Malaysia universities were soaring upward or not? The answer is SOARING UPWARD.** Comparing Malaysia's rankings in 2016-2017 QS and U.S. News Global, the rankings for universities have gone up and the number of universities ranked doubled in each of these listings. For example, University Malaya moved from 133 in 2017 to 59 and U Putra Malaysia rose from 270 to 132 in the newly released 2021 QS Ranking

Japan – Ruth's Rankings [28](#)

- THE publishes a Japan University Ranking, using the same pillars as the U.S. rankings. 278 Japanese universities are included in 2020 and the rank order differs from the World Rankings. See [First Quarter News](#) Updates for the 2020 ranking.
- Nikkei publishes an annual brand ranking of Japanese universities by region. It is in Japanese. The 2016 version is available in English in [Wikipedia](#).
- The [Japan Association of National](#) Universities provides resources for students interested in studying in Japan; it does not provide its own rankings. It provides English language information sheets for all National universities.

Hong Kong & Singapore – [Ruth's Rankings 30](#)

There are no individual rankings for Hong Kong or Singapore. The most extensive list of tertiary institutions is Ranking Web of Universities which does include 22 [Hong Kong](#) institutions and [Singapore's](#) top universities from a list of 43.

- Study [Hong Kong](#) provides generic information about studying in Hong Kon plus specific information on individual institutions. Many universities suspended their international programs. Plans are not available for 2021.

- [UGC](#) – University Grants Commission provides institution level statistics for the eight publicly funded universities
- [RAE 2020](#) -The last Research Assessment Exercise was in 2014 (as reported in RR 30) and plans are proceeding for a new exercise in 2020.
- See [Appendix RR 30 A](#) for more details on higher education in Hong Kong and Singapore

COUNTRIES NOT COVERED IN RUTH’S RANKING

Canada

[MacLean’s](#) Magazine has been publishing Canadian university rankings since 1990. The most recent is October 2019.

- Five rankings: metrics include library data
- Comprehensive Simon Fraser - 15
- Undergrad – Mount Allison 19
- Medical / Doctoral 15 universities McGill
- Reputation including the three above categories
<https://www.macleans.ca/education/canadas-top-school-by-reputation-2020/> - Toronto
- Student Satisfaction by three categories
<https://www.macleans.ca/education/canadas-top-school-by-student-satisfaction-2020/>

Canada’s [Top 50 Research Universities](#), has been published since 2003 by RE\$EACH Infosource, Inc. Universities with medical schools top the list. Toronto is number one followed by University of British Columbia. There is a separate list for research colleges.

United Kingdom

The [Guardian University League Tables](#) started in 1999, predating the other rankings. 2020 has 121 universities with Cambridge, St. Andrews and Oxford at the top. There are nine indicators and re-ranking is available. Additional information is in university profiles [How to use the guide](#) includes methodology It is student-centric with emphasis on specific subjects. The 2020 Ranking were published in early June 2019. The 2021 are not available. Registration is required for complete information, but not rankings.

[The Complete University Guide](#) has been creating League Tables since 2006. [Methodology](#) is available, along with ability to download the tables and re-rank. In *2021 rankings*, 130 universities are ranked. Cambridge, Oxford, and St. Andrews are the top three.

The Times [Good University Guide](#), published since 2004, is subscription only. P. Greatrix (9/2019) lists the top 20 for 2020 and provides analysis in *Hold on to your hats*, it’s the 2020 *Times* and *Sunday Times* leagues tables accessed at <https://wonkhe.com/blogs/hold-on-to-your-hats-its-the-2020-times-sunday-times-league-table/>. The top three are the same.

The QS 2021 World Rankings released in May 2020 indicated a drop in UK university rankings worldwide. Four UK universities are top ten world for 2020 and 2021: Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial and UCL. Our next News Update will look at the updated QS rankings with a focus on the UK

The full list of metrics used is illustrated in the following table:

| Guardian | The Times & Sunday Times | Complete University Guide |
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