

APPENDIX A: THE World University Rankings 2024

This Appendix includes the 2024 methodology, with changes from 2023. It also has Table 1., the top universities in THE's World Rankings.

THE's 2024 methodology emphasizes research-intensive universities. There are five research areas as before. As noted, the major change is Research Quality, which now has four separate indicators. Industry has separate indicators for Industry and Patents. Both these changes resulted in changing rankings for the indicator. In Research Quality, the changes were dramatic with the 2023 leaders dropping as many as 600 places. The changes for Industry resulted in different leaders from the US, Germany, Hong Kong, and the Netherlands. Although the leaders dropped in the indicator, six rose in the world rankings. The 2024 International Outlook indicator includes Study Abroad, with no scoring this year. **Bold** is the new weighting. Following the methodology is Table 57.1 with the top in the World and Asia in 2024 and 2023.

Teaching (the learning environment): 29.5% (30%) 2024 Top, Stanford; 2023 Harvard

- Teaching reputation: 15%
- Staff-to-student ratio: 4.5%
- Doctorate-to-bachelor's ratio: 2%; (2.25%)
- Doctorates-awarded-to-academic-staff ratio: 5.5% ; (6%)
- Institutional income: 2.5% ; (2.25%)

Research environment: 29% (30%) Top, 2024 Cambridge; 2023 Oxford

- Research reputation: 18%
- Research income: 5.5%
- Research productivity: 5.5%

Research quality: 30% ; (2023 Citations, research influence, 30%, no indicators) Top, 2024 MIT; 2023 Arak U of Medical Sciences, Iran

- Citation impact: 15% - the average number of times a university's published work is cited by scholars globally.
- Research strength: 5% - calculates the 75th percentile of field-weighted citation impact –
- Research excellence: 5% -research publications in the top 10 percent for field-weighted citation impact worldwide
- Research influence: 5% - the number of citations, taking into account the importance of the citing paper and the subject of the research

Industry: 4% (2023 Industry Income 2.5%) Top 2024, U Cal San Diego; 2023 Istanbul Technical U

- **Industry 2%**
- **Patents 2%**

International outlook: 7.5% Top,2024; U of Sharjah, UAE; 2023 Macau U of Science and Technology

- Proportion of international students: 2.5%
- Proportion of international staff: 2.5%
- International collaboration: 2.5%
- Study abroad; 0% -new indicator for next year for domestic students study abroad; not scored due to COVID

TABLE 57. 1: Top Universities in the World and Asia in 2024 and 2023

24		23		24		2023	
1	1	U of Oxford	1	1	Tsinghua U	12	16
2	3	Stanford U	2	2	Peking	14	17
3	5	MIT	3	3	Ntl U Singapore	19	19
4	2	Harvard U	4	6	U Tokyo	29	39
5	3	U of Cambridge	5	5	Nanyang Technological U	32	36
6	7	Princeton U	6	4	U Hong Kong	35	31
7	6	Cal Inst of Tech	7	8	Shanghai Jiao Tong U	43	52
8	10	Imperial Col London	8	9	Fudan U	44	51
9	8	U C Berkeley	9	7	Chinese U Hong Kong	53	45
10	9	Yale U	10	13	Kyoto U	55	68
			13	10	Seoul Ntl U	62	56

NOTES:

World Rankings: In 2023 and 2024 the top five are the same in a different order as are six through ten.

Asian Rankings: The top nine are the same for both years In 2024, Zhejiang is 11 and the University of Science & Technology China was 12. In 2023, Hong Kong UST was 11 and Zhejiang was 12. HKUST dropped to 14 in 2024.

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