

APPENDIX 63: Top ISR Universities compared to THE IMPACT and World Ranking

Top universities participating in the ISR rankings for countries such as the United States and United Kingdom differ from those in the Impact ranking

Table 2A. compares the top ten World and Asian ISR universities with their World and Impact rankings.

Article 63: Table 2A:		Comparing THE Interdisciplinary to THE World and Impact Rankings						
2025		2025	2024					
ISR World Rank		World	Impact	ISR Asia		World	Impact	
# *	1023	2857	1963	World Rank				
1	MIT	US	2	101	3 Ntl U Singapore	SG	17	
2	Stanford	US	6		9 Nanyang Technological U	SG	30	
3	Ntl U Singapore	SG	17		13 Hong Kong U	HK	35	
4	California Inst of Tech	US	7		16 Fudan U	CN	36	
5	Duke University	US	27		17 King Fahd U Petro & Mineral	SA	176	81
6	U Minnesota	US	87		21 Ntl Taiwan	TW	172	55
7	Wageningen U & R	NL	67	101	24 Shanghai Jiao Tong	CN	52	
8	UC Santa Barbara	US	67		25 City U Hong Kong	HK	80	
9	Nanyang Technological	SG	30		26 Chinese U	HK	44	44
10	Stanford	US	22		29 Hong Kong Poly	HK	84	77
18	Arizona State	US	201	9				
22	RMIT	AU	251	22				
24	U São Paulo	BZ	199	101				
39	U Cairo	EG	801	301				

Notes for ISR Rankings: #* - all counts in the tables include Reporters

Universities in bold are number one on their continents. Six of the 14 world universities are also in the Impact Rankings. Four of the Asia/Pac top ten are in the Impact Rankings. All of the top 10 ISR universities are in the top world

top as 100 .

The profile of the top 10 universities in the Impact rankings differs from the universities in the ISR rankings. Only two of the top 10 World Impact universities participated in the ISR rankings. The pattern is different for Asia, where seven of the top ten also participated in ISR rankings.

Article 63: Table 2B: Comparing THE Impact to THE World and ISR Rankings									
2024		2025		2025					
Impact World Rank		World		ISR					
#*	1963	2857	1023	IMPACT Asia			World	ISR	
IMPACT				World Rank		World	ISR		
1	Western Sydney	AU	301		11	Yonsei U	KR	87	30
2	U Manchester	UK	53		18	U Sains Malaya	MY	401	
2	U Tasmania	AU	251		19	Mahidol University	TH	601	71
4	Aalborg U	DK	251`		19	Hong Kong UST	HK	66	
5	RMIT	AU	251	22	22	Kyung Hee U	KT	251	157
6	U Alberta	CA	116		25	National Cheng Kung U	TW	501	43
7	U Sydney	AU	83		31	U Indonesia	ID	801	65
8	Queens CA	CA	301		39	Kyungpook National U	KR	50	
9	Arizona State	US	201	18	43	Chulalongkorn U	TH	601	40
10	U Exeter	UK	172		44	Chinese University, HK	HK	26	26

Table 3 ranks the countries on the number of universities what opted into the ISR rankings. It compares the number of ISR universities with Impact Rankings and World Rankings.

Article 63: Table 3: Number of Countries in the top ten of one of the lists

	Rankings released in 2024	2025	2024	2025	ISR top
		1023	1963	2851	100
ISR Rank	# of Universities	ISR	IMPACT	WORLD	
1	India	71	96	133	6
2	Turkey	52	91	111	4
3	Pakistan	46	89	94	2
4	Russian Federation	45	79	103	1
5	Japan ¹	42	74	144	5
6	United States	39	42	175	16
7	Egypt	30	46	47	4
7	Brazil	30	55	70	2
9	Iran	29	19	85	1
10	Indonesia	29	45	43	3
11	Italy	22	22	57	7
11	Saudi Arabia	22	32	34	6
14	Thailand	16	77	27	3
16	China	13	6	94	3
17	Malaysia	13	13	27	2
19	Hong Kong *	5	5	6	5
19	Australia	5	21	38	4
19	United Kingdom	5	68	164	2
23	Netherlands *	4	6	12	4
24	Singapore *	2	2	2	2
		564	992	1685	82

Includes Reporters; Countries in red are top 10 for their columns.

NOTES * All the universities from those countries are in the top 10.

ASIA/PAC: : 1- There are more Japanese universities in THE since it does a special ranking on Japanese universities

Other Asian countries with universities in the top 100 include

Taiwan with three, Malaysia with two, and South Korea with one

The United States and China are under-represented in rankings that require opting in.