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THES-QS World University Rankings 2007: 27 new universities from 14 different countries enter the top 200

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The **THES-QS World University Rankings 2007** will reveal some dramatic changes compared with 2006. Now in its fourth year, the research is conducted by QS Quacquarelli Symonds and the rankings compiled by and published in the *Times Higher Education Supplement* on 8th November.

The increasing internationalisation of universities is one of the emerging themes of recent years, through strategic global partnerships, joint teaching and research initiatives and increased international student recruitment activities. The THES-QS World University Rankings 2007 reflects the internationalisation of higher education around the world, with 27 universities from 14 different countries entering the top 200 for the first time.

- *Top 10:* The UK and USA still dominate - Harvard University, Cambridge, Oxford and Yale retain the top four positions for the second year. University College London and Chicago join the top 10 for the first time.
- *Top 50:* The addition of the Netherlands sees 12 countries featured in the top 50 compared to 11 in 2006 (see table below). New entrants include; Brown University, Bristol, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Osaka, Boston, Amsterdam.
- *Top 100:* The top 100 sees the number of Asian universities increase to 13 (12 in 2006) but the number of European Universities dropped to



35 (41 in 2006). North America strengthened to 43 Universities (37 in 2006).

- *Top 200*: Universities from 28 different countries represented in the top 200.
- **Increases in International Faculty**: 143 of the top 200 Universities reported an increase in their percentage of international faculty to total faculty.
- **Increases in International Students**: 137 of the top 200 Universities reported an increase in their percentage of international students to total students.

Some country highlights from the 2007 results:

- **UK**: University College London joins Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and Imperial College in the world's elite Top 10 and is the highest riser (from 25 in 2006) among the leading institutions.
- **USA**: Princeton University's continued domestic success is reflected in an improved international ranking, featuring in the top 10 for the first time, whilst, Pennsylvania, John Hopkins and Carnegie-Mellon join the top 20 for the first time.
- **Asia**: Universities of Tokyo, Hong Kong, Kyoto, National University of Singapore, Peking, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tsinghua and Osaka lead Asian higher education, all featuring in the top 50.
- **China**: Fudan University joins Peking and Tsinghua Universities in world's Top 100.
- **Canada**: Stronger performance with 11 universities (up from 7 in 2006) in top 200
- **Latin America**: In Latin American 3 universities make world's top 200
- **Ireland**: University College Dublin joins Trinity College Dublin in world's Top 200
- **Scandinavia**: Stronger as Uppsala and Helsinki Universities join Copenhagen University in the top 100
- **Africa**: Cape Town at 200 is first ever African institution in the Rankings.



According to Martin Ince, of the *Times Higher Education Supplement* “The 2007 THES-QS World University Rankings are the most rigorous and complete so far. They show that the US and UK model of independent universities supported with significant state funding produces great results, but they also prove that academic excellence is found on every continent.”

Nunzio Quacquarelli, Managing Director of QS, says: “The THES-QS World University Rankings has met an important need amongst universities, employers and young candidates to be able to compare and benchmark institutions across borders. They have generated intense interest in recent years – this year, over one million unique visitors have checked out the results and methodology on www.topuniversities.com. The 2007 results are likely to generate even greater interest. Reflecting this, QS has received detailed survey responses from a record-breaking number of academics and employers to underpin these results. The QS website www.topuniversities.com will have profiles of all ranked institutions available at a click and detailed information on this year's enhancements to the research methodology”.

The top 50 universities in 2007 are as follows:

2007 RANK	2006 RANK	INSTITUTION NAME
1	1	HARVARD University
2=	2	University of CAMBRIDGE
2=	3	University of OXFORD
2=	4=	YALE University
5	9	Imperial College LONDON
6	10	PRINCETON University
7=	7	CALIFORNIA Institute of Technology (Caltech)
7=	11	University of CHICAGO
9	25	UCL (University College LONDON)
10	4=	MASSACHUSETTS Institute of Technology (MIT)
11	12	COLUMBIA University
12	21	MCGILL University
13	13	DUKE University
14	26	University of PENNSYLVANIA
15	23	JOHNS HOPKINS University
16	16	AUSTRALIAN National University
17	19=	University of TOKYO



18	33=	University of HONG KONG
19	6	STANFORD University
20=	35=	CARNEGIE MELLON University
20=	15	CORNELL University
22	8	University of California, BERKELEY
23	33=	University of EDINBURGH
24	46=	King's College LONDON
25	29=	KYOTO University
26	18	Ecole Normale Supérieure, PARIS
27	22	University of MELBOURNE
28	37	ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE
29	42	NORTHWESTERN University
30	40	University of MANCHESTER
31	35=	The University of SYDNEY
32	54=	BROWN University
33=	50=	University of BRITISH COLUMBIA
33=	45	University of QUEENSLAND
33=	19=	National University of SINGAPORE
36	14	PEKING University
37	64=	University of BRISTOL
38=	50=	The CHINESE University of Hong Kong
38=	29=	University of MICHIGAN
40	28	TSINGHUA University
41	31	University of CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles (UCLA)
42	24	ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)
43	38	MONASH University
44	41	University of NEW SOUTH WALES
45	27	University of TORONTO
46	70=	OSAKA University
47	66	BOSTON University
48	69	University of AMSTERDAM
49	43	NEW YORK University (NYU)
50	46=	The University of AUCKLAND

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- Peer Review – 5101 academics responded to the 2007 Academic Peer Review Survey
- Recruiter Review - 1482 international companies responded to the 2007 Graduate Employer Survey
- International Faculty Ratio
- International Students Ratio
- Student Faculty Ratio
- Citations per Faculty (citation data supplied by *Scopus*)

3. THES-QS World University Rankings Methodology 2007

For a detailed review of the research methodology and changes and updates in data gathering and computation in 2007, please visit the QS website www.topuniversities.com

Developments in the methodology in 2007 compared to 2006, influence the reduced performance of some single faculty universities and universities which place less emphasis on the Sciences. In particular, Z-scores have been applied to all the criteria to reduce outliers.

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