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QS World University Rankings 2026

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
ranks =392 in the world in latest university rankings

London, 19th June: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya has been named as one of the world's top universities, according to the twenty-second edition of the world's most-consulted university rankings.

The QS World University Rankings 2026, released today by global higher education analyst QS Quacquarelli Symonds, see Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya place #=392 in the world and #9 in Spain.

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya 2026 QS World University Rankings - Ranks by Indicator

Indicator	Previous Rank	2026 Rank
Overall	=371	=392
Academic Reputation	277	291
Citations per Faculty	609	617
Employer Reputation	347	437
Employment Outcomes	450	481
Faculty Student Ratio	404	471
International Faculty	701+	771
International Research Network	242	276
International Students	544	578
Sustainability	=143	=214

QS Senior Vice President Ben Sowter said: "The QS World University Rankings remain an essential tool for benchmarking academic excellence, guiding students, scholars and institutions in their decision-making. We congratulate all ranked universities for advancing innovation, collaboration and societal transformation."

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QS World University Rankings 2026 feature 1501 institutions across 106 locations, including 38 in Spain. Of Spain's total ranked universities, 13 climb, 15 drop and 7 remain stable within their rank or band. 3 rank for the first time.

Top 20 in Spain	Previous Rank	2026 Rank
University of Barcelona	=165	160
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	175	172
University Complutense Madrid	164	=187
Universidad Autònoma de Madrid	=198	206
University of Navarra	249	=262
Universitat Pompeu Fabra	=265	=265
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	=285	301
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	=321	=334
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	=371	=392
University of Granada	=431	=401
Universitat Politecnica de Valencia	=436	422
Universitat de Valencia	=445	=430
Universitat Ramon Llull	=466	=436
IE University	435	438
Universidad de Sevilla	=462	=469
University of Salamanca	=539	=526
Universidad Pontificia Comillas	=544	581
Universidad del Pais Vasco	641-650	=624
Universidade de Santiago de Compostela	651-660	=628
Universidad de Zaragoza	=544	=638

Global Overview

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) maintains its reign at the top. Imperial College London stays second after claiming the prestigious position last year while Stanford University climbs three positions to take third. The University of Oxford and Harvard University both drop one place to rank fourth and fifth respectively.

Switzerland and Singapore are the only other countries featured in the top 10, with ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology and National University of Singapore (NUS) placing seventh and eighth. There are no new entries among the global top 10.

Global Top 20 - QS World University Rankings 2026

1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	United States of America
2	Imperial College London	United Kingdom
3	Stanford University	United States of America
4	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
5	Harvard University	United States of America
6	University of Cambridge	United Kingdom
7	ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)	Switzerland
8	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore
9	UCL (University College London)	United Kingdom
10	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	United States of America
11	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR, China
12	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)	Singapore
13	University of Chicago	United States of America
14	Peking University	China (Mainland)
15	University of Pennsylvania	United States of America
16	Cornell University	United States of America
=17	University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	United States of America
=17	Tsinghua University	China (Mainland)
19	The University of Melbourne	Australia
20	The University of New South Wales	Australia

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Global Highlights

- Stanford University climbs to third due significant gains in Sustainability and International Faculty numbers. Meanwhile the University of Chicago is the only university to break into the top 20. This is the first time in seven years that the **US** has seen more universities rise than fall.
- The **UK** is tied with the **US** for elite universities, with four each among the top 10. The UK's strongest indicator overall is International Student Ratio, in which it achieves the world's second-highest average score among countries with ten or more ranked universities, behind only the UAE.
- McGill University takes the top spot in **Canada**, placing 27th globally and overtaking the University of Toronto. Canadian universities perform exceptionally in the Sustainability indicator, in which University of Toronto and University of British Columbia place first and fifth.
- Two **Australian** universities are in the global top 20, with the University of Sydney dropping from 18th to 25th. Of **Australia's** total ranked universities, 69% drop down the table.
- **China's** rise continues, with 44% of its universities climbing the table and 35% dropping. Of its three highest ranked universities, two have risen, with Tsinghua University placing 17th and Fudan University climbing nine positions to 30th.
- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) climbs an impressive 27 positions to place 123rd and take the top rank in India, usurping last year's leader, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) which drops to 129th. **India** continues to improve, with 41% of its universities rising and 20% dropping.
- **Italy** joins the top 100 for the first time with Politecnico di Milano in 98th, up 13 places year-on-year. Meanwhile, Germany sees more university climb the table than drop for the second time in more than 10 years.
- **Hong Kong SAR** and **Singapore** remain among the best-performing locations for Academic Reputation based on their average scores, though both have fewer than 10 institutions. **Hong Kong SAR** is also Asia's most improved higher education system in this edition, among those with five or more ranked universities.
- The **Arab Region** achieves its first ever top 100 rank with King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals in Saudi Arabia climbing 34 positions to place 67th. The **UAE** is home to two of the world's most improved universities among the top 500, with Abu Dhabi University and the University of Sharjah climbing 110 and 106 places to rank 391st and 328th respectively.
- Three **Latin American** universities have dropped out of the top 100 this year, including Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Universidad de Buenos Aires is Latin America's highest ranked university and the only one now among the top 100. It ranks 84th.
- **South Africa** remains the powerhouse in **Africa**, holding the continent's top four positions. The University of Cape Town remains the highest-ranked institution, climbing an impressive 21 places to rank 150th.

Methodology

The QS World University Rankings 2026 are based on a weighted index of indicators listed below. For further details, visit the QS methodology page:
<https://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings/methodology>

Lens	Lens Weighting	Indicator	Indicator Weighting
Research and Discovery	50.0%	Academic Reputation	30.0%
		Citations per Faculty	20.0%
Employability and Outcomes	20.0%	Employer Reputation	15.0%
		Employment Outcomes	5.0%
Global Engagement	15.0%	International Faculty	5.0%
		International Research Network	5.0%
		International Students	5.0%
Learning Experience	10.0%	Faculty Student Ratio	10.0%
Sustainability	5.0%	Sustainability	5.0%

The full rankings will be available on Thursday 19th June, 00:01 BST and can be found at:
<https://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings/>

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