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# **UCT maintains ranking on ARWU 2013**

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The University of Cape Town has maintained its position as the top-ranked university in Africa, according to the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), released on 21 August 2013.

The ARWU ranking for UCT remains unchanged in the 200-300 range, ranking the university once again as the top university in Africa. The University of the Witwatersrand (Top 400) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Top 500) are the other South African universities on the list.

Although UCT is mindful of the criticisms and debate surrounding ranking methods, we are happy with UCT's consistency and continue to strive for excellence in our academic endeavors as well as our contribution to society as a whole.

A good performance in the rankings sends the message that South Africans can get a world-class education at home. Furthermore, prospective students and staff the world over also use the rankings to decide where to study and work. Our reputation also facilitates our many research partnerships with other universities in the country, in other parts of Africa and the rest of the world. These partnerships undoubtedly further contribute to our research effort and reputation.

The Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings are expected in October. Last year, UCT ranked in the top 200 on the THE rankings.

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