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## **UCT leads Africa in 2015 QS World University Rankings**

University of Cape Town has been ranked 171 for the 2015/16 global ranking cycle by the annual Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings released this morning.

It is important to note that a change in ranking is not a result of any shift in the relative performance of the university compared with others, but on a change in the method of calculation of scores. For example, in the QS World University Rankings, citations in Health Sciences and Science now carry half the weight of a citation in the Humanities.

The QS Ranking System radically changed the indicators measuring citations in order to minimise the influence that citations from the medical sciences and science in general have on the score. This penalises universities with strong research in health sciences and science in general.

UCT remains the highest-ranked university in Africa, a position we have held in the QS Ranking System since its inception in 2004. We also remain in the top 20 universities in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), and we are the only South African university to have achieved this ranking.

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