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UCT shines in four more international rankings

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has continued to earn accolades across a range of international rankings, including yet again being ranked first in Africa by US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings.

UCT was also placed in the top 100 for five subjects, including an outstanding position in the top 25 for infectious diseases, in the US News & World Report Best Global Universities subject rankings.

Other international accolades for UCT these past few days include:

- five UCT subjects were ranked in the top 200 by the Times Higher Education (THE) subject rankings;
- the UCT Graduate School of Business's (GSB) Executive MBA was placed in the top 20 for alumni satisfaction on the Financial Times rankings; and
- 135 UCT researchers were included in the University of Stanford's list of Top 2% Scientists in the World.

Commenting on these, UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng said: "UCT achieves such excellent results in global rankings year after year because of the high calibre of our academics and researchers, backed by excellent professional and support staff, to serve the cream of our continent's students as we tackle the challenges facing Africa through African solutions. Everyone at UCT can be proud to share in this distinction."

US News & World Report Best Global Universities

UCT remains the best university on the continent, according to the 2023 US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings released last week. The rankings place UCT at 125th position. This year, 2 000 universities were assessed.

In the subject rankings, UCT was assessed to be one of the best places in the world (24th) to study infectious diseases, and was among the top 100 in four additional areas:

immunology (51st); psychiatry/psychology (90th); public, environmental and occupational health (51st); and social sciences and public health (tied 66th).

- [Read more about UCT's performance on the US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings.](#)

THE subject rankings

UCT jumped up 21 places to 77th for clinical & health in the THE rankings by subject. Another four UCT subjects ranked in the top 200. In this 2023 release, THE published results for 1 001 universities.

UCT was placed in the top 200 for an additional four subjects: social sciences (101–125 band); education (151–175 band); law (151–175 band); and life sciences (151–175 band).

- [Read more about UCT's performance on the THE subject rankings.](#)

Financial Times rankings

The most recent Financial Times (FT) rankings show that the EMBA at the GSB is among the best of the best in alumni satisfaction and prior work experience, making it once again the only African programme on this prestigious list. UCT's EMBA ranked 19th globally for overall satisfaction, based on the FT's independent survey of alumni who were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with the programme on a 10-point scale. The GSB's score of 9.55, which is the average of all of its alumni responses, puts it among the best on the global list.

- [Read more about UCT's GSB ranking by the FT.](#)

University of Stanford's list of Top 2% Scientists in the World

Researchers at UCT hold 135 positions on the University of Stanford's list of Top 2% Scientists in the World, according to the latest version featuring 195 605 researchers who make up the top 2% worldwide based on citations over their full careers. Of these, 615 are from South Africa, with 135 from UCT. Twelve UCT researchers are among the top 100 in their fields.

- [Read more about UCT's researchers' inclusion on the University of Stanford's list of Top 2% Scientists in the World.](#)

First in Africa on all international rankings

Early in October, UCT climbed 23 places and retained its top spot on the continent in this year's THE world university rankings. The university now sits at 160th globally, up from 183rd place in 2021.

The latest rankings by THE and US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings means that in all five major international university rankings, UCT is ranked best in Africa. This year, UCT took the continent's top place in the [Centre for World University Rankings](#),

[Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings](#) and [ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities](#).

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