Singapore ranked 17th in the world for scientific research

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Singapore's been ranked 17th out of more than 100 countries for excellence in scientific research.

That's according to a new research index by international scientific journal Nature, published today.

The Nature Index covers 68 top journals that're independently chosen by researchers as being where they would want to publish their most significant research.

It tracks the author affiliations of nearly 60,000 high quality scientific articles, from 20,000 research institutions worldwide.

Contributing to Singapore's global position in the index is the National University of Singapore, which is ranked 39th in the world.

NUS is the highest-ranked Singapore research institution.

The Nanyang Technological University is ranked 42nd in the same index.