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Five Malaysian universities now part of the world's top 300

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According to the latest [Quacquarelli Symonds \(QS\) World University 2018](https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2018) (<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2018>) released today, Malaysia is now home to five of the world's top 300 universities.

In comparison to last year, this year's results showed that Malaysia has almost doubled its share of top-300 universities – up from three in 2017.

The rankings showed that [University of Malaya](https://www.um.edu.my/) (<https://www.um.edu.my/>) (114th) remains as Malaysia's leading university, and reaches the highest position it has achieved since the first-ever edition of the QS World University Rankings in 2004.

Two other universities that made it to the top 300 are [Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia](http://www.ukm.my/portal/) (<http://www.ukm.my/portal/>) (UKM) which rose to 230th from 302nd in 2017; and [Universiti Teknologi Malaysia](http://www.utm.my/) (<http://www.utm.my/>) (UTM) from 288th to 253rd.

Meanwhile, and [Universiti Sains Malaysia](http://www.usm.my/index.php/en/) (<http://www.usm.my/index.php/en/>) (USM) jumped to 264th from 330th in the world; with [Universiti Putra Malaysia](http://www.upm.edu.my/) (<http://www.upm.edu.my/>) (UPM) rising from 270th to 229th.

# RANK	UNIVERSITY	LOCATION	QS STARS™
2018 ▼	University search	Malaysia x	☐ Rated only
114	 Universiti Malaya (UM)		5★ RATING
229	 Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)		5★ RATING
230	 Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)		5★ RATING
253	 Universiti Teknologi Malaysia		
264	 Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)		5★ RATING

QS research director Ben Sowter said in [Yahoo! News](https://sg.news.yahoo.com/malaysia-now-home-five-world-233354591.html) (<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/malaysia-now-home-five-world-233354591.html>): "Seven Malaysian universities improve their score for QS's Academic Reputation metric, while eight improve their score for QS's Employer Reputation metric."

"These results indicate that Malaysian universities are, in general, improving their reputation among both the global academic community and the world's employers," he added.

For neighbouring country Singapore, [Nanyang Technological University](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/Pages/home.aspx) (NTU) has overtaken [National University of Singapore](http://www.humanresourcesonline.net/features/case-study-national-university-singapore/) (NUS) in the latest rankings. NTU is ranked 11th in the world, two positions above its previous 13th spot. NUS came in at 15th place in the latest rankings, dropping three spots from 12th.

# RANK	UNIVERSITY	LOCATION	STARS™
2018 ▼	University search	Singapore	☐ Rated only
11	 Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU)		
15	 National University of Singapore (NUS)		
441-450	 Singapore Management University		

Meanwhile, Hong Kong saw five of its universities placed in the top 100 of the QS World University Rankings for the first time with [The University of Hong Kong](http://www.hku.hk/) leading at 26th position. This is followed by [The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology](http://www.ust.hk/) (30th), and [The Chinese University of Hong Kong](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/index.html) at 46th position.

[Polytechnic University](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/web/en/home/index.html) was the latest local educational institution to break into the top 100, after jumping 16 places to 95th position in the latest rankings published on Thursday. [City University](https://www.city.ac.uk/) entered the top 50 for the first time at 49th.

# RANK	UNIVERSITY	LOCATION	QS STARS™
2018 ▾	University search	Hong Kong x	☐ Rated only
26	 The University of Hong Kong		
30	 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology		
46	 The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)		
49	 City University of Hong Kong		
=95	 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University		
=299	 Hong Kong Baptist University		
551-600	 Lingnan University, Hong Kong		

Globally, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (<http://web.mit.edu/>) (MIT) is still the world's leading university for a record sixth consecutive year. Stanford University (<https://www.stanford.edu/>) remained second while Harvard University (<http://www.harvard.edu/>) took third.

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