

These are the world's best universities, according to US News

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American universities have dominated the *US News and World Report 2020 Best Global Universities Rankings*, with eight universities dominating the top 10.

Harvard University retained its top spot, followed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of California – Berkeley, ranked second, third and fourth respectively.

The University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge are the only two universities outside the US in the top 10.

World's best universities of 2020

Rank	University	Country
1	Harvard University	US
2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	US
3	Stanford University	US
4	University of California—Berkeley	US
5	University of Oxford	UK
6	California Institute of Technology	US
7	Columbia University	US
8	Princeton University	US
9	University of Cambridge	UK
10	University of Washington	US
11	Johns Hopkins University	US
12	Yale University	US
13	University of Chicago	US
14	University of California—Los Angeles	US

15	University of California—San Francisco	US
16	University of Pennsylvania	US
17	University of Michigan—Ann Arbor	US
18	University of Toronto	Canada
19	University of California—San Diego	US
20	Imperial College London	UK

Released on Tuesday (Oct 22), the rankings **include** data on 1,500 universities across 81 countries. The schools were evaluated based on 13 indicators that measure their academic research performance and their global and regional reputations.

The *US News and World Report* said the new edition evaluates schools in 81 countries – up from 75 last year. The US has the most universities in the overall ranking with 249, followed by China (188), the UK (86), Japan (82) and Germany (66).

Top universities by region



These are the best universities by region. Source: Chichi Onyekanne/Unsplash

Other highlights from the rankings include:

Top 3 universities in Asia

1. National University of Singapore (Singapore)
2. Tsinghua University (China)
3. Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)

Top 3 universities in Europe

1. University of Oxford (UK)
2. University of Cambridge (UK)
3. Imperial College London (UK)

Top 3 universities in Australia/New Zealand

1. University of Melbourne (Australia)
2. University of Sydney
3. University of Queensland (Australia)

Top 3 universities in Africa

1. University of Cape Town (South Africa)
2. University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)
3. Stellenbosch University (South Africa)

Top 3 universities in Latin America

1. Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil)
2. Pontificia University Católica de Chile (Chile)
3. State University of Campinas (Brazil)

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