



# World university rankings 2026: 22 Asian universities make global top 100

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**National University of Singapore ranks eighth in the world and 1st in Asia, followed closely by the University of Hong Kong in 11<sup>th</sup> place.**

The **QS World University Rankings 2026** have been released, and once again, Asian universities are making a strong showing. More institutions from the region are featured in the top 100.

The rankings, compiled by **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**, evaluate universities worldwide on key measures that matter to students, employers, and the research community.

**How are the rankings calculated?**

- **Research and discovery (50%):** Includes academic reputation (30%) and research impact measured by citations per faculty (20%).
- **Employability and outcomes (20%):** Captures employer reputation (15%) and graduate employment outcomes (5%).
- **Global engagement (15%):** Looks at international faculty (5%), global research partnerships (5%), and international student diversity as well as ratio (5%).
- **Learning experience (10%):** Measured through the faculty-to-student ratio.
- **Sustainability (5%):** Recognises universities advancing sustainability across environmental, social, and governance (ESG) areas.

**Basis the above, the top Asian universities in the global top 100 are:**

| Global ranking   | Asian ranking    | Universities  |
|------------------|------------------|---|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | National University of Singapore (NUS)                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | The University of Hong Kong                                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Peking University   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Tsinghua University   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Fudan University  |
| 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)                  |
| 36 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | The University of Tokyo                                     |
| 38 <sup>th</sup> | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Seoul National University                                   |
| 44 <sup>th</sup> | 10 <sup>th</sup> | The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology          |
| 47 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Shanghai Jiao Tong University                               |
| 49 <sup>th</sup> | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Zhejiang University   |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Yonsei University   |
| 54 <sup>th</sup> | 14 <sup>th</sup> | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University                        |
| 57 <sup>th</sup> | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Kyoto University  |
| 58 <sup>th</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Universiti Malaya (UM)                                      |
| 61 <sup>st</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Korea University  |

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|------------------|------------------|--|
| 67 <sup>th</sup> | 20 <sup>th</sup> | KFUPM                                      |
| 85 <sup>th</sup> | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) |
| 91 <sup>st</sup> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Osaka University                           |

Globally, the **top 20 ranking featured universities from the US, UK, Australia, China, Singapore, and Hong Kong:**

### Global ranking Universities

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Imperial College London                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Stanford University   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | University of Oxford  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Harvard University  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | University of Cambridge                                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | ETH Zurich  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | National University of Singapore (NUS)                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | UCL   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | California Institute of Technology (Caltech)                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | The University of Hong Kong                                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | University of Chicago                                       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Peking University   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | University of Pennsylvania                                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Cornell University  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Tsinghua University   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | University of California, Berkeley (UCB)                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | The University of Melbourne                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)             |

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