

NTU Singapore is world's top young university



Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has been ranked No. 1 in the Times Higher Education's ranking of the world's best young universities for the first time. The Times Higher Education Young University Rankings were announced on Wednesday (23 June).

The only Singapore university listed in the rankings, NTU has been making steady progress, rising from second last year and third in 2019. The main factors that contributed to NTU's strong showing are its strengths in teaching and learning environment, international outlook, as well as research and industry interactions. Overall, NTU has climbed 15 places since debuting at 16th place when the rankings started in 2012.

In the QS Top 50 under 50, NTU has been named the world's No. 1 young university for the last seven years. The QS ranking of young universities uses different performance measures from Times Higher Education.

NTU President Professor Subra Suresh said: "The results reflect the success of NTU's faculty and students in their pursuit of excellence in education, research and innovation.

"NTU continues its significant momentum as a leading university among our international peers by advancing new knowledge, creating innovative pedagogical models to transform educational offerings, and forging deep connections with industry for the benefit of society." "The events of the past year have also highlighted the importance of preparing our students for a world rapidly transformed by technological changes and uncertainties and disruptions created by the global pandemic and by geopolitical factors.

"As part of our NTU 2025 strategic plan to transform learning, NTU will broaden and strengthen interdisciplinary learning, and provide new research and internship opportunities for undergraduate students that focus on critical thinking skills, problem-solving, teamwork and collaboration."

Phil Baty, Chief Knowledge Officer of Times Higher Education, said: "NTU Singapore has been a stand-out star of the world university rankings for several years – as one of the fastest rising institutions in the world, always innovating and developing, strengthening its

connections globally and drawing in talent. So, it does not really come as a surprise to see NTU named today as the world's number one 'young university'.

“Based on Times Higher Education’s rigorous, comprehensive and demanding 13 performance metrics, which cover all of an institution’s core missions, this is a great acknowledgement of NTU’s dynamism and innovation. In just around 30 years of existence, NTU has cemented its status as one of the world’s strongest research-intensive universities, competing alongside institutions with centuries-old traditions of scholarly excellence and with deeply established reputations. This should be a cause for great celebration.”

The latest Times Higher Education rankings come just a fortnight after NTU achieved 12th place in the QS World University Rankings, up by one place from last year.

NTU climbed one spot to 5th place in the Times Higher Education’s ranking of Asian universities, announced earlier this month.

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