

PRESS RELEASE

UoN Ranked among world's Top 250 Universities by Times Higher Education (THE)

The University of Nairobi was ranked top in Kenya and East Africa thanks to its improved performance in teaching environment, research environment, citation impact and international outlook according to Times Higher Education (THE) University Rankings 2018. Further, the ranking indicates that it was the only university to be ranked in Kenya and East Africa in the Times Higher Education (THE) list that ranked the world's best universities that are aged 50 years or under.

With an overall score of 76.7, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology becomes the world's best young university for the first time in 2018, beating Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, which had enjoyed the top place for three years in a row. École Polytechnique Fédérale was ranked second with 76.1 and the third place was held by Nanyang Technological University in Singapore with 74.7.

This year's rankings included 250 world's best young universities, up from 200 in 2017. From the list, only seven best Universities from Africa were ranked. South Africa's University of KwaZulu-Natal was number 1 in Africa and 83 globally with an overall score of 43.2. Second place was a tie between Beni-Suef University (Egypt) and the University of Johannesburg who had an overall score of 33.2–40.0 and the two were placed on the category of 101–150 in the world rank.

The University of Nairobi shared the third position in Africa with the remaining four Universities. The Universities are; Mansoura University (Egypt), University of Marrakech Cadi Ayyad (Morocco) and Suez Canal University (Egypt). They were all placed under the category of 201–250 globally and shared an overall score of 19.9–25.0.

THE Young University Rankings assesses research-intensive universities across all their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. It uses 13 carefully calibrated performance indicators to provide the most comprehensive and

balanced comparisons, trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry and governments. The performance indicators are grouped into five broad areas: Teaching (the learning environment), Research (volume, income and reputation), Citations (research influence), International outlook (staff, students and research) and Industry income (knowledge transfer).

According to THE Rankings, Universities are excluded from the World Rankings if they do not teach undergraduates or if their research output amounted to fewer than 1,000 articles between 2012 and 2016 (and a minimum of 150 a year). Universities can also be excluded if 80 per cent or more of their activity is exclusively in one of our 11 subject areas.

UoN's Vice- Chancellor Prof. Mbithi congratulated the University community for the achievement. He said this performance is a reflection of the true spirit and philosophy of the University of Nairobi. He promised that the University community shall continue to work together towards global excellence.

Details about the rankings are available from the following link:
https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2018/young-university-rankings#!/page/0/length/-1/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/scores