

Press Release

Khalifa University Ranks Fourth University in the Arab World

Only institution in the UAE to make the Top 5 Arab universities list

Khalifa University has ranked 4th out of 5 best universities in the Arab world, according to the Times Higher Education (THE) Arab World 2017 universities ranking.

This prestigious placement follows the decade-old university's naming as one of the top universities in the emerging world and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). The University has also ranked the top university in the UAE according to 2016 THE World University Rankings and QS 2016 World University Ranking, and the 76th ranked university in Asia in the THE Asia University Rankings. In addition, the University placed in the 101-150 bracket when compared to worldwide institutions established in the last 50 years.

The Times Higher Education recent rankings are the only performance tables that judge research-intensive universities across all their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. Khalifa University scored well in the five categories reviewed by THE, namely in teaching, industry income, international outlook and citations (instances where faculty research is quoted in other publications)

Moreover, Khalifa University was recently the only institution in the UAE to be in THE "Millennials" list. Coming in 14th place against universities in France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Malaysia, Cyprus, Belgium, Luxembourg, Finland, Brazil and Saudi Arabia, making it the highest ranked Middle Eastern university under the age of 20.

“This ranking comes to reaffirms what the University has achieved in terms of world rankings this year,” said Dr. Tod Laursen, Interim President of Khalifa University of Science and Technology. “It’s encouraging to see how Khalifa University in only 10 years since it was established was able to compete, and in some cases even exceed other more established universities, both in the region and worldwide. Achievements like this are an important ingredient as we push forward towards global acknowledgement and recognition. They both assure us that we are headed in the right direction towards achieving our goals and at the same time, it offers our community members the confidence they need to do even more to exceed what has happened previously and to sustain the University’s efforts in becoming a regional and global leader.”

“We are very proud of what the University has been able to achieve in only 10 years of existence,” said Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi, Interim Executive Vice President of Khalifa University of Science and Technology, “I look forward to seeing what the merged university can achieve in terms of reputation in the research in science and technology arena”

He also said, “Education is the key to the future of the UAE. Without a highly educated populace, the country will not be able to achieve its dreams of diversifying the economy and becoming a world leader in technological innovation. An advanced society requires educated people, and that is why Khalifa University was founded and that is why are working so hard to build this institution’s ties with industry and academia worldwide, and its reputation as a research based university. Our continued rise in rankings is testament to that, and I look forward to seeing us continue to rise in international respect and recognition.”

In addition to the World University Rankings released by THE and QS Khalifa University was also named number one in the UAE, by Times Higher Education



(THE) in 2016 as well as the youngest institution to be named one of the top 100 universities under the age of 50 by QS.