The world’s first global, multi-dimensional, user-driven university* ranking

(* includes all higher education institutions)
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Diversity: vertical

World Class

Worth-less?

Worth-less?
Diversity: horizontal

Different

But

Equal
Why U-Multirank?

U-Multirank provides information for diverse needs, such as choosing study programmes, making strategic plans, etc. (informed decisions)

Dr. José Joaquín Brunner, Director Cátedra UNESCO de Políticas Comparadas de Educación Superior, Chile,

“U-Multirank is a great instrument for students, faculty, the public and policy makers.”
Why U-Multirank?

U-Multirank makes performance transparent also beyond the research function of the university (5 dimensions)

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Fernando M. Galán, Vice-Chairperson of the European Students Union (ESU)

“U-Multirank will be an extremely useful tool for students all over the world, being the first global ranking that includes in a serious manner the teaching and learning dimension.”
The basic principles: multi-dimensional (without composite scores), user driven, multi-level (incl. field-based rankings)

Professor Sir Howard Newby, Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool, UK, "U-Multirank provides an elegant solution to a problem which undermines conventional rankings. It does not seek to weight different activities of a university but allows users to devise their own ranking according to what they believe is important."
The web tool
The web tool offers four access points for different needs.
Before coming to a ranking a profile is chosen
Comparisons are made using 5 performance groups

Alex Usher, President of Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA), Canada, “U-Multirank allows users to look at strengths and weaknesses in a very different way.”
The tables invite you to make all kinds of choices

### Allows users to select/change performance measures

- Change measures

### Allows users to see the whole results table in a printable/downloadable PDF version

- Show the whole table

### Allows users to minimise the results list to their starred favourites

- Show favourites only

### Allows users to sort alphabetically, by top scores or specific performance measures

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The web tool allows you to see specific details.
The web tool also allows snapshot performance overviews
U-Multirank in 2014
U-Multirank 2014 is the most comprehensive international data comparison in higher education

- **850** universities are included with publicly available data
- **70** countries have universities in U-Multirank
- **500** of the 879 universities have provided comprehensive data
- **500** faculties/departments are included in the four field based rankings (physics, electrical and mechanical engineering, business studies)
- **1,000** study programmes within these faculties are included
- **5,000** students completed the student satisfaction survey
- **60,000**
U-Multirank shows a wide distribution of “A” scores

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Very few universities with no “A” scores
No university has “across the board” “A” scores

Many universities have specific strengths
Around 100 universities have a wide range (>10) of “A” scores

On individual indicators performance differences between universities are clearly visible

It is not possible to meaningfully identify “the world’s top 100 or 200 universities overall”

300 Universities never before seen in global rankings. Of these, 30 have more than 10 “A” scores
What’s to come
U-Multirank will be extended in 2015

Current sample of 879 institutions

+ 150 institutions

+ 3 new fields (psychology, computer science, and medicine)

U-Multirank 2015 release in March 2015

2015 registration is closed! 2016 registration will open in January
The basis for further extension

Number of institutions with full data delivery

First round 2014

> 500

2017

> 1000

2016: biology, chemistry, mathematics, history, sociology and social work/welfare. Every 3 years updates per field; turn to disciplinary groups (sciences...)

fields
What does participation entail?

• We ask for participation in data collection
  • Institutional data – including profile indicators
  • Field-based data
  • Student survey

• In addition we will use publicly available data from other sources
  • Bibliometric data
  • Patent data

• No monetary costs to participate

• No withdrawal after final data checks
2015 timeline

- **Summer 2014**: Registration and data collection
- **August 2014**: Registration closes
- **October 2014**: 1\(^{st}\) round of data verification
- **November 2014**: 2\(^{nd}\) round of data verification
- **Winter 2014/2015**: Data analysis and calculations
- **January 2015**: Student survey closes
- **March 2015**: Results are launched
The current project will last up to four years

The European Commission gives seed money to a new, innovative initiative

U-Multirank is not a political instrument, it will never be an official EC/EU ranking

After the 4 years it needs a governance and funding structure. The project team is working on solutions.
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