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UT Austin wins 15th place in world list of 200 best universities

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AUSTIN, Texas—The University of Texas at Austin is the 15th-best university in the world, according to a new global ranking produced by The Times of London newspaper in its Nov. 5 edition.

Among U.S. public universities, only the University of California at Berkeley, which is listed second in the world, ranked higher than UT Austin.

American institutions occupied seven of the top 10 places, with Oxford and Cambridge universities the highest-ranked outside the United States. UT Austin finished ninth among the top 10 North American public and private universities.

The rankings are based on the amount of cited research produced by faculty members, the ratio of faculty to student numbers, a university's success in attracting foreign students and in attracting internationally renowned academics.

—An additional factor in the rankings is the findings from a previous Times Higher Education Supplement survey in which 1,300 academics in 88 countries were asked to name the best institutions in the fields they felt knowledgeable about.

The five factors were weighted and transformed against a scale that gave the top university 1,000 points and ranked everyone else as a proportion of that score.

Complementing its overall rank of 15th, The University of Texas at Austin was rated seventh in the world in the amount of cited research by faculty members.

Harvard University was first in the list of the world's best 200 universities.

The United States had 62 of the top 200 universities, followed by Britain with 30, Germany 17 and Australia 14. Twenty-nine countries were represented in the global rankings overall.

"Leading universities increasingly define themselves in terms of international competition," said John O'Leary, editor of the supplement. "By taking account of the views of academics from across five continents and using the most up-to-date statistics, our ranking gives an informed picture of the world's top universities."

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