

PRESS RELEASE

Times Higher Education 2019 Ranking: PSL, 1st French University to Break into the Top 50

Paris, September 27, 2018 - PSL placed 41st on the Times Higher Education world ranking, bringing France back into the top 50.

For the second year in a row, PSL has appeared on the Times Higher Education's World University Ranking. The university moved up 31 places to rank 41st of the 1,250 institutions included worldwide; it is among the top 8 universities in continental Europe and came in very first among French universities. It is now neck and neck with such globally renowned universities as King's College London, McGill in Canada, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, and University of Tokyo.

The rankings consider the quality of a university's scientific production, its teaching (high faculty/student ratios), and more generally the strength of its international ties (percentage of international students, international joint publications).

Says PSL President Alain Fuchs:

"This result illustrates the dynamics at play within PSL's schools and institutes. It truly recognizes the hard work of our communities over the past several years, drawing on everyone's strengths to build a public university with strong visibility and attractiveness on the international stage. It proves that France's major reforms in higher education and research have paid off. Our universities are doing much more than simply keeping up in a highly competitive context. France has broken back into the top 50. That sends a strong signal to the students, professors, companies, and decision-makers who watch these rankings closely."

Meanwhile, Phil Baty, editor of THE's rankings, congratulated PSL:

"Creating Université PSL as a new entity was a remarkable accomplishment for France, and one that allowed the country to climb back into the top 50."

For reference, PSL first appeared in THE's university ranking in 2017, at 38th place in the Reputation Ranking, and made 72th place in the World University Ranking 2018. These results were confirmed in June, when PSL placed 4th in THE's Young University Ranking and entered the top 50 of the QS World University Ranking 2019. More recently, PSL made the top 100 of the QS Graduate Employability Rankings.

About PSL - www.psl.eu

Located in the heart of Paris, PSL combines world-class research and education, creation, and innovation: it encompasses 4,500 faculty researchers, 181 laboratories, 17,000 students, and about ten business incubators, fablabs and co-working spaces for student entrepreneurs.

The arts, sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences are all contributors to its intellectual and scientific vision. As a selective, global, interdisciplinary university, committed to promoting talent and equal opportunity, PSL is creating the world of tomorrow.

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