

# Caltech beats out Harvard for top ranking

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WORLD RANK	INSTITUTION	COUNTRY / REGION	OVERALL SCORE <a href="#">change criteria</a>
1	<a href="#">California Institute of Technology</a>	United States	94.8
2	<a href="#">Harvard University</a>	United States	93.9
2	<a href="#">Stanford University</a>	United States	93.9
4	<a href="#">University of Oxford</a>	United Kingdom	93.6
5	<a href="#">Princeton University</a>	United States	92.9
6	<a href="#">University of Cambridge</a>	United Kingdom	92.4
7	<a href="#">Massachusetts Institute of Technology</a>	United States	92.3
8	<a href="#">Imperial College London</a>	United Kingdom	90.7
9	<a href="#">University of Chicago</a>	United States	90.2
10	<a href="#">University of California, Berkeley</a>	United States	89.8
11	<a href="#">Yale University</a>	United States	89.1
12	<a href="#">Columbia University</a>	United States	87.5

(PhysOrg.com) -- According to the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*, California Institute of Technology, or Caltech, has

beaten out Harvard to take the top spot for the first time since they started this ranking system.

This ranking system looks at universities based on five categories: [citations](#), industry income, international outlook, teaching and research. In order to collect information, over 17,500 [academics](#) were surveyed and 50 million citations were analyzed.

While Harvard was on top when you look at teaching, but Caltech placed higher in research funding with a 16% increase which brought them just slightly over the top to take the first place rank. The editor of Times Higher Education World University [Rankings](#) Phil Baty says that the differences between the top universities are small and in the long run money is what plays a decisive role.

In the complete list, 75 American schools made the top 200, with 50 being in the top 100 and seven of the top 10. After Caltech's top place, Harvard and Stanford tied for the second place spot and were followed by the University of Oxford, Princeton University, the University of Cambridge, MIT, Imperial College of London, the University of Chicago and UC Berkeley.

## **THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2011-2012 (TOP 20):**

- 1 California Institute of Technology, United States
- 2 Harvard University, United States
- 2 Stanford University, United States
- 4 University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 5 Princeton University, United States
- 6 University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 7 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States

- 8 Imperial College London, United Kingdom
- 9 University of Chicago, United States
- 10 University of California, Berkeley, United States
- 11 Yale University, United States
- 12 Columbia University, United States
- 13 University of California, Los Angeles, United States
- 14 Johns Hopkins University, United States
- 15 ETH Zürich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich,  
Switzerland
- 16 University of Pennsylvania, United States
- 17 University College London, United Kingdom
- 18 University of Michigan, United States
- 19 University of Toronto, Canada
- 20 Cornell University, United States

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