



Sep 28, 2018 15:35 BST

## Research focus leads to improved global ranking

Northumbria University, Newcastle, has significantly increased its standing in the global league tables and is now ranked in the top 401-500 in the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019*.

The University has also seen a dramatic rise in its position for research in the world rankings, climbing 273 places in the last year from 522<sup>nd</sup> to 249<sup>th</sup> place. This positions Northumbria firmly within the global upper quartile for research citations.

The [World University Rankings](#) rate a total of 1,258 institutions worldwide for teaching, research, citations, industry income and international outlook. The auditors use 195 separate data points to analyse the performance of the world's leading universities.

Northumbria's improvement from last year's world rankings, in which it was featured in the top 501-600, is due to a significant increase in the University's score for Citation Impact. This measures how often research originating from the institution is cited elsewhere and is a sign of its impact and quality.

Northumbria's score for this metric increased by a notable 28.4 points, recognising both the increased output and quality of research coming from the University.

Metrics analysing the ratio of papers to academic staff, and co-authorship of papers with international partners also saw sizeable increases for Northumbria. This is evidence that academics are actively undertaking more research, especially with scholars from other universities worldwide.

Professor Andrew Wathey, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Northumbria University, said: "We have invested heavily in research at Northumbria since 2009 as part of our vision for 2025 to be known as a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. As a result, we have transformed the volume and quality of our research activity. Our improved position in Times Higher Education's global rankings is affirmation of our investment and of Northumbria's status as a challenger institution."

Northumbria University has invested significantly in recent years to provide staff and students with world-class new facilities for research and teaching. This has included new laboratories and equipment for those working in science, technology, engineering and maths subjects and the development of two new buildings for those in the computing, information science and architecture disciplines. Both buildings will open for teaching during this academic year.

Northumbria's success in today's Times Higher Education's World Rankings follows the publication of *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide* last weekend, in which it was rated as the [best university in the North East of England for student experience](#).

Ninety-eight UK universities are listed in *Times Higher Education's* world rankings. Northumbria is the 48<sup>th</sup> highest ranked UK institution, which is comparable with its position in the most recent *The Guardian* university league table.

Anyone interested in studying at Northumbria University can register to attend its forthcoming Open Days. The days provide potential students and parents with the opportunity to meet with academic staff and current students, find out more about courses, and see the University's state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, research, leisure and living.

The next Open Day is Saturday 29 September, with others following on Saturdays 27 October and 24 November. Visit [www.northumbria.ac.uk/openday](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/openday) to find out more or to book a place.

---

Northumbria is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. To find out more about our courses go to [www.northumbria.ac.uk](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk)

If you have a media enquiry please contact our Media and Communications team at [media.communications@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:media.communications@northumbria.ac.uk) or call 0191 227 4604.

## Contacts



### **Rik Kendall**

Press Contact

PR and Media Manager

Business and Law / Arts, Design & Social Sciences

[rik.kendall@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:rik.kendall@northumbria.ac.uk)

07923 382339



**Andrea Slowey**

Press Contact

PR and Media Manager

Engineering and Environment / Health and Life Sciences

[andrea.slowey@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:andrea.slowey@northumbria.ac.uk)

07708 509436



**Rachael Barwick**

Press Contact

PR and Media Manager

[rachael.barwick@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:rachael.barwick@northumbria.ac.uk)

07377422415



**James Fox**

Press Contact

Student Communications Manager

[james2.fox@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:james2.fox@northumbria.ac.uk)



**Kelly Elliott**

Press Contact

PR and Media Officer

[kelly2.elliott@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:kelly2.elliott@northumbria.ac.uk)



**Gemma Brown**

Press Contact

PR and Media Officer

[gemma6.brown@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:gemma6.brown@northumbria.ac.uk)