
Among World's 100 Best Schools Brazil's USP Advances 26 Points

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Brazil's USP, the University of São Paulo, was considered the 87th best university in the world in the Webometrics ranking. Of the 500 institutions mentioned, USP, which climbed 26 positions in comparison with the list produced in July 2008, is in the first place among the Brazilian universities.

The methodology of the ranking considers the quantitative analysis of material made available on the Web, especially those related to processes of generation and academic communication of scientific knowledge, evaluating scientific activities, their performance and impact.

The top ten positions in the Webometrics study are occupied by institutions in the United States. They are, respectively: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford, Harvard, California Berkeley, Cornell and Michigan Universities, the California Institute of Technology and the Universities of Minnesota, Illinois and Texas.

Among the Latin-American universities, the National Autonomous University of Mexico came in the first place, in 44th in the general list. After USP, among the 300 best in the world, came Unicamp (159th), the University of Chile (234th), the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (285th) and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (299th).

USP also rose ten points in its position among the 300 most researched repositories in the world. The second edition of the Ranking Web of World Repositories places the USP Digital Thesis and Dissertation Library in the 76th position.

Both the researches, promoted by Cybermetrics Lab, a research group belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), a Spanish public research organization, are disclosed twice a year, in July and January. Over 16,000 higher education institutions were analyzed worldwide.

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