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Results for 2014-15, announced on 16 September 2014, rank the University overall in the 451-460 bracket, second among the six Greek HEIs participating. This is an improvement compared with 2013-14 (491-500). As Ben Sowter, Head of the QS Intelligence Division, notes: 'Maintaining or improving your standing in an increasingly competitive global environment is a tremendous achievement'. This is particularly true for Greek Higher Education Institutions and Research Organizations striving to maintain standards in an increasingly restrictive and poorly resourced national environment.

The QS World University Ranking is based on employer and academic reputation surveys, as well as analyses of the demographic characteristics of a University (e.g. student and staff numbers, graduation rates) and other indicators. Research and knowledge transfer are primarily measured by analyses of academic publications and citations. On this score, citations per faculty, the University of Crete ranks first in Greece and **149<sup>th</sup> worldwide**. This is consistent with the strong performance by researchers in Crete, at the University and the Foundation of Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH), in all rankings of research output and impact: a significant achievement by international standards.