



## University of Crete still makes the grade

The 2018 *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings* (WUR), published on 5 September 2017, ranks University of Crete (UoC) 351-400 this year out of 1102 institutions worldwide, compared with 301-350 out of 980 worldwide last year. UoC maintains its leading position within Greece - first out of the 7 institutions included in this ranking.

The *THE* World University Rankings, now in their 14<sup>th</sup> year, focus on a selected frame of the world's research intensive universities rather than the total global 'pool' of over 20,000 Higher Education Institutions. 13 indicators are used to measure the performance of these leading research universities in teaching, research output and impact, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The numbers of institutions ranked in 2018 is larger than ever, with increasing representation from S.E.Asia, particularly China. The associated increase in Top World Scores goes some way to explaining the shift downwards in the UoC's ranking band. But in one particular area, citations, used to indicate research impact and influence, the UoC continues to punch above its weight in a challenging environment – ranking 144 worldwide on this significant indicator (up from 146 worldwide last year).

The continued presence of the University of Crete in this prestigious ranking recognizes the achievements of UoC scholars and scientists. However, as noted by *THE* data editor Simon Baker, commenting on the top 10 universities worldwide, 'even the elite need improvement in some areas'. For UoC, the results lend weight to continuing efforts to improve the experiences of our students and researchers by striving, under difficult circumstances, to improve performance in teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook.

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