2018 International Rankings:  
PSL Among the World’s Best

Paris, June 6, 2018 - PSL was ranked 4th among the best young universities in the world by the Times Higher Education (THE), came in 39th on THE’s world reputation rankings, and appeared in the top 50 of the QS World University Rankings 2019.

According to Phil Baty, editor of THE’s university rankings: “Clearly, these results show that by combining highly prestigious, long-established institutions under the umbrella of a new single entity, PSL has already made a substantial impact on the international scene. Indeed, it not only appears among the top five universities created over the past 50 years, but is the number one international institution formed since 2000. The new institution was built on a solid foundation to stand up to global competition.”

Alain Fuchs, president of PSL, says that “the recognition of PSL by these international rankings agencies proves that the dynamic of transformation underway in French higher education and research is bearing fruit and contributing to its international visibility. These two rankings endorse PSL’s efforts at integration since 2011, which will soon culminate in the publication of our new statues.”

Further details about the two rankings published on June 6.

The Times Higher Education (THE) publishes two main rankings every year: the World University Ranking in September for the coming year (PSL appeared for the first time in September 2017 at rank #72) and the Reputation Ranking, whose results are published in the spring. PSL appeared on this list at rank #39 for the second consecutive year (#38 in 2017).

First published in 2012, the Young University Ranking (YUR) shines the spotlight on institutions created within the past 50 years, among the more than 1000 universities included
in its general ranking. Its methodology assigns less weight to the reputation criterion (22% versus 33%) for institutions still building their brand. The YUR also aims to identify institutions with promising potential to compete with the historic brands, which benefit from large endowments and alumni networks developed over years and even centuries.

The QS World University Rankings, published for the 15th time this year, ranked PSL #50 among more than 1000 globally recognized institutions. QS bases its ranking on similar criteria to THE’s list, with an emphasis on academic reputation and quality of research. It also highlights the brand’s reputation among employers (PSL #15 globally), the proportion of international students and research professors at the school, and the student/faculty ratio (PSL #24 globally).

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Université PSL, located in the heart of Paris, provides the ideal academic environment for breeding excellence, creation and innovation, with 4,500 faculty researchers, 181 laboratories, 17,000 students, and some dozen business incubators, fablabs and co-working spaces for student entrepreneurs. Arts and sciences, engineering, humanities and social science form the core of the university’s ambitious intellectual and scientific vision. As a selective, global, interdisciplinary university, committed to promoting talent and equal opportunity, PSL is creating the world of tomorrow.


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