

PRESS RELEASE

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**The 2021 Shanghai Ranking:
Université Paris-Saclay remains in the global top 20**

On 15 August 2021, Shanghai Jiao Tong University published its [Academic Ranking of World Universities \(ARWU\)](#). Université Paris-Saclay was ranked 13th globally¹ and 1st in continental Europe², confirming the University's position as a world-class research-intensive institution.

The University's performance in this global ranking supports its excellent results in the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, which was published earlier this year in June. For the second year in a row, Université Paris-Saclay was ranked **1st in the world for Mathematics**. The University appeared in the top 50 of the world's best universities for 11 subjects. It was **ranked 9th in the world for Physics** (1st in Europe), **12th for Agricultural Sciences**, **22nd for Clinical Medicine**, **29th for Telecommunication Engineering** and also for **Statistics**, **30th for Biotechnology**, **32nd for Automation & Control** and **41st for Mechanical Engineering**. Université Paris-Saclay also made excellent progress in other subjects, such as **Pharmaceutical Sciences**, ranking 30th globally, and **Chemistry**, coming **49th**. Being ranked 13th globally today secures the University's position internationally.

“Through its coverage, the ranking demonstrates the potential of French higher education and research to national and international students and the academic and socio-economic world, and shows that our University's institutional model is successful. By bringing together the assets of the University's entities and striving towards a common goal of working together and achieving collective success, this institutional model has proven its strength,” says Sylvie Retailleau, President of Université Paris-Saclay. ***“The ranking is not an end in itself and it does not change our objectives. However, it does offer a fresh perspective on French higher education. It is a way of attracting new talent, showcasing our academic teams and the socio-economic partners who work alongside us, and encouraging those who would like to contribute with us to the quality of higher education in France. This position in the global top 20 also strengthens our belief in the relevance of our collective institutional direction.”***

Created in 2003, the Shanghai Ranking recognises the world's leading higher education institutions, selected from more than 17,000 universities worldwide. The ranking is based on six criteria, including the number of Nobel Prize winners and Fields medallists, the number of Highly Cited Researchers and the number of articles published in the journals *Nature* and *Science*. Université Paris-Saclay has two Nobel Prize laureates and ten Fields medallists among its staff from the Orsay Faculty of Sciences and the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHES). The University is also home to 33 Highly Cited Researchers, linked to the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), CentraleSupélec, the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the Faculty of Medicine at Kremlin-Bicêtre with Gustave Roussy, the Faculty of

¹ Université Paris-Saclay was ranked 14th in the 2020 ranking.

² Not including the United Kingdom.

Pharmacy at Châtenay-Malabry, the Orsay Faculty of Sciences and the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE).

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with six national research organisations.

With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.

Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading university, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nestled in a protected natural area, at the heart of a dynamic economic hub.



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