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## UCT moves up global rankings to retain Africa's top university spot

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Johns Hopkins University moved up a spot to No. 12 in the new Times Higher Education World University Rankings, an annual measure that compares global research-intensive institutions across their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and worldwide outlook.

While university ranking tables have become hugely influential in driving policy at university and even at government level, critics say their methodologies are flawed, and that

they fail to reflect the true value of many third level institutions or activities. IIT-Indore overtook IIT-Bombay, which slipped from the 351-400 to 401-500 banding.

However, while some institutions gained this year, the majority of India's universities remained static or declined, struggling amid increased global competition, according to the global list.

The rankings, released on Wednesday, show Oxford continues to hold the first place, Cambridge second, and Stanford third. It covers the British and global higher education sector and also collects and publishes data, arranges conferences, manages awards programs, and issues its annual rankings. However, U.S. schools across the rankings tended to either retain or fall in rankings-only 42 U.S. schools actually improved their ranking. Among the previously ranked Indian institutions, Amrita University saw an impressive rise in the 2019 table-from the 801-1,000 band to 601-800 this year.

UCT's executive director of communication and marketing Gerda Kruger said: "We are pleased to note that UCT has made such a significant leap on the latest THE rankings".

Tsinghua University has dethroned the National University of Singapore (NUS) as the best university in Asia.