

Press release

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16th place among the best young universities worldwide and 2nd place in Germany: University of Passau secures top ranking in THE Young University Ranking

After an outstanding performance in the [Times Higher Education \(THE\) Ranking for 2019](#), the University of Passau has now achieved another top result in the latest ranking of universities aged 50 or younger ('Young University Ranking'): Passau came in 16th of the 351 participating universities from 60 countries, in second place in Germany after Duisburg-Essen (14th place), followed by the University of Bielefeld (20th place).

'We are very excited at this excellent ranking, which is the result of a strong team effort of the University of Passau. Our scholars and our academic support staff are extraordinarily committed, perform impressively and support the structural changes of recent years', said University President, Carola Jungwirth.

This was the second time the University of Passau participated in the Young University category. In 2018, the university ranked 27th in the world and 3rd in Germany. The current result represents an improvement of eleven places in the international comparison.

Science Minister, Bernd Sibler, congratulated the University on this excellent result: 'I am proud of my alma mater, which has earned this excellent ranking through its great efforts. It really shows that the central strategic decisions have been worthwhile for the University of Passau and, therefore, for the region as a whole. As a place of excellent research and teaching, the University of Passau has a very strong reputation with its profile-building thematic focal points. It is a flagship for Bavaria as a centre of world-class science.'

The Times Higher Education Rankings are among the most influential worldwide university league tables. The Young University Ranking compares data from the areas of research output, teaching,

knowledge transfer and aspects of international outlook and reputation. While some of the data are provided by the participating universities themselves, others – such as research, which is measured on published articles – are collected by THE using specialised databases. Other data were collected on the basis of a THE survey of academics and scientists, predominantly in the English-speaking world.

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