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## **University rankings called to account – library voices in the conversation**

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The past few years have seen increasingly raised voices against the impact of University Rankings, such as QS, THE World University Rankings, ARWU and USNews. Research administrators have been particularly vocal about the influence of ranking systems on university behaviors and called for more responsible metrics and profiling tools that demonstrate distinctiveness.

This paper seeks to understand the role of the library in these conversations, particularly in light of recent strengthening of bibliometrics and scholarly communication initiatives that deal with source data for publication and citation elements of the rankings, and increased relationship-building with Research Offices and Institutional Policy and Planning Offices.

Librarians and library leaders seeking a round up of recent developments in the rethinking of University Rankings will find this session useful for commentary and insights to share with their own institutions.