



More Than Our Rank (MTOR)




A preliminary analysis of signatories' narratives

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Introduction More Than Our Rank (MTOR) was launched October 2022 in response to the problematic effects of global university rankings. MTOR encourages academic institutions—whether ranked top 10 or yet to place—to join like-minded institutions and publish narratives that highlight the many ways they serve the world. Ways that are not reflected in their ranking positions.


By March 2023, twelve institutions have signed MTOR, and eight have published narratives on their websites. This study is a preliminary analysis of the narratives. It gives examples of what the eight universities are proud of that they do not see reflected in the rankings.

Method The analysis of the eight MTOR narratives applies four categories: **Education**, **Research**, **Knowledge transfer**, and **Culture**. In each category, we look for statements/success stories  and indicators . For context, we also look for discussions  about **Global university rankings** and **MTOR** in the narratives.

Conclusion The study shows that the eight institutions are much more than their rank. For example, regional contexts and international agendas on the future development of higher education are important. The diversity demonstrated in the narratives would be difficult to comprise in global university rankings in a meaningful way.


NEW! From September 2023, Leiden Ranking highlights institutions with MTOR narratives.


Results Statements, success stories, indicators and discussions from the narratives:

Education  ... provides [students] affordable higher education not far away from their homes and traces a path to a better future.

Education  ... have had more students on year-long industrial placements than any other university in the UK.


Education  ... that 96% of [...] graduates are employed or in further education just six months after graduating.

Research  The University has also won seven Queen's Anniversary Prizes for our expertise in several areas of research ...

Research  ... noteworthy impacts of our research related to life and earth-saving matters such as cancer treatment, robotics, design for resilient cities, and green technologies all of which have been awarded Prizes in their respective fields.

Knowledge transfer  ... collaborates with more than 50 social entities and more than 200 volunteer projects.

Knowledge transfer  ... home to over 90 start-ups, growing businesses, global brands, and sports organisations.


Knowledge transfer  Our work with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation into the Minimum Income Standard helped establish The Real Living Wage and is shaping debates within the present cost of living crisis.


Knowledge transfer  ... research focused on combating Climate Change, calls that promote scientific production on environmental sustainability, student associations and a multitude of green projects, such as the Mediterranean Botanical Garden ...

Culture  ... Olympic and Paralympic competitions (Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020), [...] have won 79 medals, including 24 gold, 23 silver, and 22 bronze.


Culture  ... top five in terms of library spending per person (students and staff) in Turkey.


Culture  ... our programs to engage and support Indigenous Australian staff, students and community such as Campus to Country and our Indigenous Australian Research Strategy.


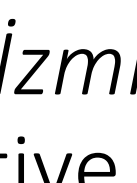



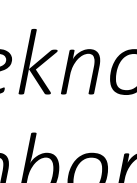

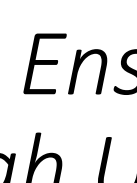
Global university rankings  ... as we are a young university it is highly impossible for us to compete with the universities that are hundreds of years old when it comes to reputation.

Global university rankings  We urge the users of the global rankings to be critical in their interpretation of them, ...

Global university rankings  Moreover, global rankings fail to capture the facts... [...] Additionally, global rankings fail to demonstrate... [...] Neither do they capture...

MTOR  While we continue to value traditional metrics, this important international initiative gives perspective and consideration to aspects of equity, diversity and social impact

MTOR  By participating in the More Than Our Rank initiative, we are joining institutions committed to responsible assessment...

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