

2022 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

SUMMARY

- McMaster University climbed 17 positions since the last Employability Ranking to 81st overall and remained 4th in Canada.
- In 2022, eight Canadian Institutions ranked within the top 200.
- The 2021 Graduate Employability Ranking was not released due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Graduate Employability Rankings

The QS Graduate Employability Rankings (GER) is an annual ranking of the world's top universities in terms of employability and employer relations. In a change from its inaugural year in 2017, the GER now publishes the top 500 ranked institutions. Individual rankings are only published for the top 100 institutions and those ranked 101 and over are grouped into bins.

To assess and rank each university QS uses the following five weighted measures:

1. Employer reputation survey (30%);
2. Alumni Outcomes (25%);
3. Partnerships with Employers per faculty (25%);
4. Employer/Student Connections (10%); and
5. Graduate Employment Rate (10%).

Please note for each of the indicators, QS uses normalized z-scores to rank and compare universities. A university's score is scaled between 1 and 100 and reflects the proportion of institutions that scored lower on the metric.

CURRENT STATUS

On September 23, 2021, QS released the 2022 Graduate Employability Rankings (GER) results. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, QS did not release the GER for 2021. In total, eight Canadian universities were ranked among the world's top 200 institutions.

Overall, McMaster reached an all-time high in the GER and ranked 81st globally. This represents an increase of 17 positions since the last edition of the GER. McMaster remained the fourth highest ranked university in Canada, behind the University of Toronto (21), the University of Waterloo (24) and the University of Western Ontario (43).

Table 1 shows the Canadian universities that were ranked among the world's top 200 institutions in 2022, and for comparison their 2020 and 2019 information.

Table 1: QS GER - Canadian Universities Ranked in the Top 200, 2019-2022

	2019			2020			2022		
	Total Score	Rank		Total Score	Rank		Total Score	Rank	
		Can.	World		Can.	World		Can.	World
Toronto	93.9	1	12	90.7	1	16	89.5	1	21
Waterloo	84.2	2	25	85.0	2	25	88.7	2	24
UBC	76.2	3	38	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Western	45.6-47.5	7	141-150	51.8-53.6	6	121-130	73.8	3	43
McMaster	58	5	93	58	4	98	61.9	4	81
Alberta	60	4	87	60.1	3	87	57.6	5	99
Queen's	54.3-56.4	6	101-110	55.5-57.7	5	101-110	N/S	6	101-110
Calgary	45.6-47.5	8	141-150	48.5-51.4	7	131-140	N/S	7	131-140
Montreal	44.3-45.5	9	151-160	42.4-43.0	8	171-180	N/S	8	191-200

N/R = Not Ranked, N/S = No Score

Table 2 provides a breakdown of McMaster's GER scores in each indicator compared to the previous 2 editions as well as the Total Adjusted Score (TAS). In 2022, McMaster had a strong year in metric performance and increased its score across all 5 metric areas. As a result, McMaster's TAS increased by 3.9 points and led to an all-time high in rank for the university.

Table 2: McMaster Performance by Indicator, 2019-2022 QS GER

Metrics	2019 GER	2020 GER		2022 GER	
	Score	Score	Δ	Score	Δ
Employer Reputation (30%)	38.3	42.6	4.3	48.1	5.5
Alumni Outcomes (25%)	40.5	38.8	-1.7	39.2	0.4
Employer Partnerships (25%)	82.4	85.4	3.0	88.5	3.1
Employer Connections (10%)	55.8	55.8	0	57.2	1.4
Graduate Employment Rate (10%)	84.5	75.8	-8.7	82.5	6.7
Total Adjusted Score	58.0	58.0	0	61.9	3.9