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## University of Tasmania's world standing grows in latest rankings

The University of Tasmania continues to climb the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) with the 2014 results released yesterday – up 17 places to 308 and 72 places since 2011.

The annual exercise ranking the top 1200 universities globally is conducted by the Centre for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

“The University is very clear in its strategic intent – we are seeking global relevance in research and world-class standards in teaching,” Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said. “It is very pleasing to see our University’s global standing both reflected and strengthening in this latest list.

“This issue of ranking is important for two reasons. We need to be well known so that when Tasmanian graduates go elsewhere – be it Paris, or New York or Shanghai – they are recognised as having a quality education which allows them to compete in a global workforce.

“Secondly, we have some exciting plans to grow international education at the University of Tasmania and overseas students are very discerning; they will only pay for a qualification they know to be of a very high standard.”

The ARWU uses a number of indicators to create the rankings including the number of alumni winning major prizes, number of academic citations and number of articles published in respected journals.

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Imelda Whelehan said rankings were both highly complex and competitive.

“When you sit, as we do, in the top 2% of research institutes in the world the cut and thrust is fierce,” Professor Whelehan said.

“This latest increase is certainly gratifying, but what’s most important is the consistent progression we have seen over a number of years.”

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