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## University of Tasmania maintains strength in world rankings

The University of Tasmania has maintained its position as one of the world's top universities according to new international rankings released today.

Compiled annually by the Centre for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) ranks the top 1200 universities globally.

This year the University ranked 305, up three places from last year.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said prior to 2010, the University of Tasmania had ranked consistently at around 400 but had risen steadily with an unwavering institutional focus on excellence and impact.

“Our intent is to be home to world-class teaching and globally impactful research because that is how we best serve our students and that is how we best serve our community,” Professor Rathjen said.

“Rankings are important because they directly impact on our institution's reputation. In an increasingly global and competitive employment market, our reputation helps our graduates as they seek work in Australia or overseas.

“And in the highly competitive education market, our reputation helps us to attract international students to Tasmania, which has significant economic and cultural benefits for the broader community.

“The sustained rise in the ranking in recent years is good news for the University and for Tasmania.”

There are a number of rankings released by organisations throughout the world and the ARWU is widely considered to be one of the most influential. The ARWU rankings are created using a range of indicators including the number of alumni winning major prizes, the number of academic citations and the number of articles in respected journals.

“While rankings can often rise and fall from year to year, the sustained improvement we have seen in our standing over time speaks to a real lift in the reputation of the University of Tasmania,” Professor Rathjen said.

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