JMU Strong in THE Ranking

In this year’s Times Higher Education World University Ranking (THE), Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg is among the best 200 universities worldwide. In Germany, JMU belongs to the top 20.

The new edition of the famous THE World University Ranking is out. This year, the ranking compares about 1600 research-intensive universities from 99 countries. Julius-Maximilians-Universität (JMU) Würzburg in Bavaria, Germany, is able to maintain its strong position: it is ranked 165th worldwide and 16th in Germany. In Bavaria, only Munich’s two universities of excellence can achieve better results.

Citations: JMU’s publications are highly regarded worldwide

Compared to other renowned rankings, the THE ranking uses a particularly wide range of indicators from the areas of teaching, research, citations, third-party funding from economy and internationality. The number of publications and citations in scientific journals, the university’s worldwide reputation as a research and teaching institution, its success in attracting third-party funding, the ratio of docents to students, the international orientation of research and teaching as well as cooperation with companies are all taken into account with varying degrees of weighting.

It is striking that JMU is again exceptionally strong in the area of “citations”: it is ranked 7th in Germany. Publications that were produced with the participation of Würzburg researchers are hence very visible worldwide and are frequently mentioned in other works. JMU can also again clearly improve in the areas of internationality as well as knowledge transfer and industry cooperation, thus continuing the upward trend of recent years.

President: “Result of joint efforts”

JMU President Paul Pauli is pleased with the university’s strong ranking: “The fact that we are able to assert ourselves so well in THE ranking, even in the face of constantly growing international competition, is a result of joint efforts in all areas of our university. Especially in the national comparison, we can be very proud of our result – not least because the majority of the German universities that rank ahead of JMU have received special funding as universities of excellence. Only four universities ranked ahead of JMU in THE ranking do not have excellence status so far. So we are well on track.”
The JMU main building
Robert Emmerich