

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Shanghai ranking 2024: Université Paris-Saclay is France's leading university in the global top 20**

**On 15 August 2024, *ShanghaiRanking Consultancy* published its annual [Academic Ranking of World Universities](#) (ARWU). Université Paris-Saclay was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> globally and 1<sup>st</sup> in Continental Europe, securing its position as a world-class research-intensive university.**

Since 2020, Université Paris-Saclay has been ranked among the world's top 20 universities in the Shanghai ranking and France's best university. The latest edition of the ranking, published on 15 August 2024, has confirmed the university's performance in previous years. In 2024, Université Paris-Saclay was ranked the 12<sup>th</sup> best university in the world. Never before has a French university performed so well in the ranking.

Five years after it first appeared in the ranking, Université Paris-Saclay continues to pursue the objective shared by its founding members: to position itself as a major global player for research.

This recent performance is proof of the dynamic energy shared by the university's research community, supported by its partners, who all share a common objective: to combine their strengths to become a leading player for science which serves the interests of research, education, student success and innovation and contributes to the development of a fairer and more sustainable society.

Created in 2003, the Shanghai ranking recognises the world's top 1,000 higher education institutions, based on six criteria which include the number of Nobel prizes and Fields medals, the number of highly cited researchers and the number of articles in the scientific journals *Nature* and *Science*. Université Paris-Saclay is home to five Nobel prizes, including Alain Aspect, who was awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics, as well as 11 Fields medallists, including Hugo Duminil-Copin in 2022, in addition to 27 highly cited researchers.

***“This result allows us to consolidate the university's position in France, Europe and globally as a major research-intensive university, whilst continuing to fulfil our mission to educate responsible citizens and professionals, faced with the societal and environmental challenges of today and tomorrow. We can all be very pleased with this latest recognition which is not only an asset for our university and students, but also for our partners and for French higher education and research generally. The reputation of France's academic quality is a key priority for effective international cooperation,”*** said Camille Galap, President of Université Paris-Saclay.

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## ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, grandes écoles and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its grandes écoles, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities).

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