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## The 2023 Shanghai Ranking: Université Paris-Saclay keeps its spot in the global top 20

ShanghaiRanking Consultancy has published today its <u>Academic Ranking of World Universities</u> (ARWU) for 2023. Université Paris-Saclay was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the world and 1<sup>st</sup> in continental Europe, confirming the university's position as a world-class research-intensive university.

For the fourth year in a row since its creation in 2020, Université Paris-Saclay has appeared in the top 20 of the Academic Ranking of World Universities. The international recognition of the quality of research at Université Paris-Saclay is the result of the hard work and enduring investment made by researchers, academics and staff working in the university's 230 laboratories and more generally by its entire community. The university's performance in this year's ranking reinforces its strong commitment to tackling major societal challenges and to meeting the expectations placed upon the institution.

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) was first published in 2003 by the Center for World-Class Universities (CWCU), Graduate School of Education (formerly the Institute of Higher Education) of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China. The annual ranking evaluates the world's top 1,000 higher education institutions based on six criteria, including the number of Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, the number of Highly Cited Researchers and the number of papers published in *Nature* and *Science*. Université Paris-Saclay is home to two Nobel Prizes, including Alain Aspect, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2022, and ten Fields Medals, including Hugo Duminil-Copin, 2022 Fields Medallist, in addition to 24 Highly Cited Researchers.

While the Shanghai Ranking's criteria focus on research quality and reputation, Université Paris-Saclay also plays a leading role in providing full-time and continuing higher education to the citizens of today and tomorrow, and also in innovation, through its involvement in the development of research results. Université Paris-Saclay draws on its wide range of disciplines as part of its core missions in research, education and innovation, whilst acting as a singular force for society.

"The members of Université Paris-Saclay have come together to meet a shared goal; join forces to establish a leading science cluster dedicated to research, education, student success and innovation, with the aim of contributing to the development of a fairer and more sustainable society. Our university has proven that its model is robust and recognised internationally. Our graduates can take pride in the national and international appreciation of their degrees and the laboratories which we supervise and jointly supervise can also enjoy the benefits of this recognition," said Estelle Iacona, 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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