



University  
of Dundee

Worldwide reputation has become vitally important for universities, especially if they want to climb to the upper reaches of global rankings and to be the first choice for researchers seeking new networks of collaboration.

However, it can also be a difficult area to improve on, especially as reputation naturally favours the old guard of established universities whose names constantly trip off the tongue of anyone asked which institutions are the best in the world.

Therefore, every so often Times Higher Education dips into the data collected as part of the World University Rankings on both reputation and research quality to pinpoint those universities that are perhaps “unsung heroes” in the research landscape.

In the UK, an analysis of universities that had the highest scores for the citation impact of their scholarship compared with their reputation produced a diverse shortlist of mainly smaller research intensive universities.

Topping the list was the University of Dundee, an institution that consistently produces world-leading research in a variety of fields but particularly in the life sciences, where it is among the top 100 in the world, according to THE’s subject ranking.

The overall field-weighted citation impact of Dundee’s research is twice the world average, making it higher than many of the larger research-intensive universities, while it was the top university in the UK in the 2014 research excellence framework for biological sciences.

Dundee was among institutions featured in a THE article last year on “small superstars with a bright future”, and this latest award confirms that the institution is a success story that does not always get the recognition it deserves.