

Submission

The people who selected the winner in this category are perhaps the most qualified of any of our judges – the students themselves.

In the biggest pole ever carried out for this awards, 14,000 full-time undergraduates were asked to assess their university or college on 21 attributes, giving it a rating on a seven-point scale.

The winner was the Royal Veterinary College, which leapfrogged up the league table this year with particular progress in its support for students and the general environment on campus.

The facilities on offer were another area highlighted for praise by participants in the survey, and there were marked improvements in scores for the lecturers, with students rating highly both the quality of teaching and the level of interest shown in them by staff.

The polling was carried out by OpinionPanel, which designed its methodology to ensure that the results were as meaningful as possible.

Students were not told the purpose of the survey and were unable to take the survey more than once, and institutions with a sample size of less than 50 responses were excluded from the ranking increase in score and its ranked position.

"The Royal Veterinary College moved up 37 positions in the rankings and improved its overall score by 8.1 points, and we're delighted to say it came out as the overall winner of the most improved award."