

University of Crete: among the best young universities

University of Crete is ranked **=66** in the *Times Higher Education's* fifth annual ranking of Universities under 50 years old, published on 6 April 2016. With an expanded pool of young universities from 39 countries, what was previously called the '100-Under-50' is enlarged and renamed in 2016 as '150-Under-50'. The ranking is led again by École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, reflecting European dominance in this league. This is, however, closely matched in the top 10 by well-funded young universities in South East Asia.

The fact that the University of Crete is listed in this prestigious ranking for the fifth year running is a significant achievement in itself. It is impressive given the worsening recession conditions which have been impacting on research and education in Greece, and reflects well on the academic community in Crete. This is also reflected more generally in the University's ranking in the Times Higher Education European University Top 200 Rankings.

The THE 150 Under 50 complements the annual <u>THE World University Rankings</u>. It uses the same 13 performance indicators covering the whole range of a university's mission (teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook) but reflects the profiles of younger universities. That is, it gives less weighting to the subjective indicators of academic reputation – closely associated with heritage and endowment wealth – which favour the traditional elite of old universities.

Inclusion in the THE rankings is welcome recognition of the efforts of the academic community to realize its mission through high quality and innovative teaching and research under increasingly difficult circumstances. The University strives to build on this and to act on the advantages attributed to young universities of being responsive to societal and economic developments nationally and globally.

For more information see the <u>Times Higher Education 150 best young universities in the world 2016</u>
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