

PERFORMANCE OF UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA IN U-MULTIRANK

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Rankings compare universities using a range of indicators. Most available global rankings focus on research using data extracted from popular bibliometric databases. Some of these rankings are available on regional, specialist and professional basis. U-Multirank is a multi-dimensional ranking. It has a range of indicators which can be arranged according to individual preferences. Multi-dimensional rankings facilitate peer-group compatibility and are powered by interactive web-based technologies. U-Multirank has two levels of reviewing its participating member institutions; institutional-based and field-based. University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP), which has the highest number of undergraduate admissions among the Sri Lankan universities in 2016, participated in U-Multirank in 2016 and 2017 surveys. The objective of participating in these surveys is to get an understanding of the USJP performance in dimensions considered in U-Multirank. USJP participated only in institutional-based survey. U-Multirank focuses on five dimensions of higher education and research activities; teaching and learning, research, knowledge transfer, international orientation and regional engagement. This ranking system collects data not only from information supplied by the institutions themselves, but from international bibliometric and patent databases and surveys completed by students at participating universities. The main questionnaire for the institutional survey consists of sections on student related data, programmes and graduates, academic staff, currency and unit, revenues, expenditure, research and knowledge transfer. According to the results of U-Multirank 2017 survey, USJP is in an excellent position in the areas of teaching and learning, moderate in research and international orientation and need improvements in knowledge transfer and regional engagement.

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