

## **TOP TEN MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITIES**

The importance of academics and skills in securing the ideal career path cannot be overstated. Individuals with superior credentials are sought after by prosperous businesses. These organizations put a high emphasis on recruiting the most skilled individuals to lead them. Students search out high-quality schools for their potential educations, competing against a large number of other students for a place in higher education. Individuals need to gain admission to a successful higher education institution to ensure a promising future. For prospective students, it is important to look at each institution's scores. To evaluate the standard of higher education institutions, the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) has introduced the Ranking of Higher Education Institutions (IPT). The ranking, which includes the Integrated Rating of Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (SETARA) and the Private College Quality and Equivalence Assessment System (MyQUEST), was released for the 2018/2019 academic year to assist prospective students in making decisions and to help each institution keep track of their quality services.

SETARA is a rating system created by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) in 2007 to assess the quality assurance and standards of Malaysian universities and university colleges based on autonomy, quality, and institutional credibility. Via pre-established evaluation metrics and methodologies, the framework is designed to assist universities in laying strong foundations in three key core functions: teaching, study, and service. Each piece of institutional data used in this rating evaluation will be verified and validated by a field audit conducted by an independent auditor appointed by the MOHE. MyQUEST, on the other hand, is a framework established by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2009 to evaluate the standard of private colleges in Malaysia. The assessment and ranking of MyQUEST have been applied four times: in 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2014/2015, and 2016/2017.

The scoring score for this rating is by using the Stars score system. Six (6) Stars is awarded to Highly competitive institutions, five (5) Stars is awarded to very competitive institutions, four (4) Stars is awarded to competitive institutions, three (3) Stars are awarded to moderately competitive institutions, two (2) Stars are awarded to fairly competitive institutions and one (1) Stars is awarded to less competitive institutions.

The SETARA rating is based on 38 measures that cover four (4) key core functions: general (General), teaching and learning (T&L), research (Research), and services (Services) (Services). This evaluation includes three (3) categories of institutions, namely: Mature University is the category for public

universities established 15 years and above, Emerging University is the category for public universities established 15 years or less, and University College.

The results presented here are the top 10 institutions in the SETARA Rating 2018/2019 in all three categories.

### **Mature University Category**

1. Universiti Malaya (UM) - 6 Stars
2. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) - 6 Stars
3. Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) - 6 Stars
4. Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) - 6 Stars
5. Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) - 6 Stars
6. Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) - 6 Stars
7. International Medical University (IMU) - 6 Stars
8. Monash University Malaysia - 6 Stars
9. Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) - 5 Stars
10. Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) - 5 Stars

### **Emerging University Category**

1. Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) - 5 Stars
2. Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) - 5 Stars
3. Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) - 5 Stars
4. International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF) - 5 Stars
5. Management and Science University (MSU) - 5 Stars
6. Taylor's University - 5 Stars
7. Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU) - 5 Stars
8. Sunway University - 5 Stars
9. SEGi University - 5 Stars
10. Manipal International University - 5 Stars

### **University College Category**

1. Kolej University Sains Perubatan Cyberjaya (CUCMS) ) - 5 Stars
2. Lincoln University College - 5 Stars
3. Tunku Abdul Rahman University College - 5 Stars

4. University College TATI - 5 Stars
5. Widad University College - 5 Stars
6. KDU University College - 4 Stars
7. Linton University College - 4 Stars
8. Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor (KUIS) - 4 Stars
9. KPJ Healthcare University College - 4 Stars
10. BERJAYA University College - 4 Stars

The MyQUEST rating is evaluated through 35 indicators that include input (20%), process (30%), and output (50%) dimensions which emphasize five (5) main thrusts, namely, (i) quality and diversity of students, (ii) resource and financial sustainability, (iii) quality management system, (iv) program recognition and (v) graduate recognition and institutional reputation. This evaluation includes three (3) categories of institutions, namely Large Category is a category for institutions with a student enrollment over 2,000 people, Medium Category is a category for institutions with a student enrollment between 601 - 1,999 people and Small Category is a category for the institution with student enrollment less than 600 people.

The results presented here are the top 10 institutions in the MyQuest Rating 2018/2019 in all three categories.

### **Large Category**

1. Kolej SEGi Subang Jaya - 6 Stars
2. Kolej Sunway (Kuala Lumpur) - 6 Stars
3. Kolej SEGi Kuala Lumpur - 5 Stars
4. Kolej INTI Antarabangsa Pulau Pinang - 5 Stars
5. Kolej Poly-Tech MARA Kota Bharu - 5 Stars
6. Kolej Yayasan Pelajaran Johor - 5 Stars
7. Kolej Poly-Tech MARA Bangi - 5 Stars
8. Kolej Antarabangsa INTI Subang - 4 Stars
9. Kolej Islam Antarabangsa - 4 Stars
10. Kolej Antarabangsa Unifield - 4 Stars

### **Medium Category**

1. Institut Teknologi Maklumat Asia Pasifik (APIIT) - 6 Stars

2. Kolej SEGi Kota Damansara - 6 Stars
3. Kolej Poly-Tech MARA Kuantan - 6 Stars
4. Kolej SEGi Pulau Pinang - 6 Stars
5. Kolej Disted - 5 Stars
6. Kolej Poly-Tech MARA Alor Setar - 5 Stars
7. Kolej Erican - 5 Stars
8. Kolej Antarabangsa Teknologi Lanjutan Sarawak - 5 Stars
9. Kolej Newton - 5 Stars
10. Kolej MCS - 5 Stars

### **Small Category**

1. Kolej Antarabangsa Putra - 6 Stars
2. Kolej Equator - 6 Stars
3. Kolej Despark - 6 Stars
4. Kolej SEGi Sarawak - 6 Stars
5. Kolej IBS - 6 Stars
6. Kolej Integrasi Perkembangan Kemahiran (IPK) - 6 Stars
7. Kolej Hafiz - 6 Stars
8. Institut Antarabangsa Sains Mantin - 6 Stars
9. Kolej Antarabangsa Greencity - 5 Stars
10. Kolej MSU Sabah - 5 Stars

The integrated ratings and assessment will help institutions gain credibility and reputation to promote the institutions for more future enrolment and collaboration with local and international institutions.