

## **1. The aims of this readymade ranking**

This readymade ranking aims to show how selected U-Multirank institutions are performing in terms of seven different performance indicators in the areas of applied research and research partnerships. While it is not possible to produce a definitive list of the world's "top performing" universities overall in these types of activity, U-Multirank shows top performances in different aspects of these activities.

## **2. The selection of institutions to compare**

It does not make sense to include institutions that are not active in the realm of applied research or research partnerships or that did not provide data on this. In this comparison the U-Multirank team has opted to compare only institutions that have scores on at least five of the seven selected indicators. Applying this criterion gives us a group of 423 institutions to compare.

## **3. The selection of indicators**

For this comparison we have selected three research indicators (art related output, strategic research partnerships, professional publications), three knowledge transfer indicators (co-publications with industry, income from continuing professional development (CPD) and the number of graduate companies) and one indicator on regional engagement (research income from regional sources). Further information on these indicators can be found by clicking on the indicator titles in the ranking. Our intention was to select indicators that measure engagement in applied research and involvement in research partnerships in different ways.

Please note that the ranking is now sorted by the relative number of A-scores but that you can change this by selecting a different indicator or sorting method.

## **4. Examples of interesting results**

Only two universities from the 423 compared achieved "A" scores on five indicators: one from France (Audencia Business School) and one from Spain (University of Deusto) while two have "A" scores on four indicators: another from France (ICN Business School, Nancy-Metz) and one from Germany (Nuremberg Institute of Technology). The top scores on the seven different indicators were achieved by two comprehensive universities, two technical universities, one Agricultural University and two Universities of Applied Sciences.