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QS World University Rankings 2026: NUS Dentistry breaks into world's top 20 dental schools; highest rank in five years

Singapore, 8 April 2026 — The National University of Singapore's (NUS) Faculty of Dentistry has achieved a significant milestone in global higher education, breaking into the world's top 20 at 19th position in the latest [QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026](#). This marks the highest ranking attained by NUS Dentistry among the elite global institutions in dental education in the past five years, underscoring its growing international reputation for academic excellence, research impact, and clinical innovation.

A Testament to Academic and Clinical Excellence

Professor Chris Peck, Dean of NUS Dentistry, commented, "This is a proud moment that reflects the deep dedication of our entire dental community in Singapore. Our continuous efforts to push the boundaries of dental education and research, coupled with our unwavering commitment to patient care, are at the heart of our vision to lead and inspire excellence in oral health globally."

The QS World University Rankings by Subject evaluates universities based on academic reputation, employer reputation, research citations, and international collaboration. NUS Dentistry's rise in rankings highlights its strong performance across these indicators, particularly in research output and global engagement.

Strengthening Singapore's Position as a Healthcare Hub

This achievement also reinforces Singapore's standing as a leading hub for healthcare education and innovation in Asia. With a strong emphasis on continued professional learning and digital dentistry innovation, NUS Dentistry continues to produce highly skilled dental professionals equipped to meet evolving healthcare needs.

Professor Chris added, "We are committed to a 'bench-to-bedside' approach, where cutting-edge research is not just an academic pursuit but the foundation of our teaching. By integrating our discoveries into the curriculum, NUS Dentistry produces future-ready clinicians who are exceptionally skilled and prepared to meet complex healthcare challenges."

Looking Ahead

Building on this momentum, NUS Dentistry aims to further strengthen its global partnerships, expand research capabilities, and enhance student learning experiences. Plans are underway

to introduce new continuing education programmes and collaborative initiatives with leading dental schools worldwide.

As Singapore continues to invest in healthcare and education, NUS Dentistry's latest achievement signals a positive trajectory for the nation's academic institutions on the world stage.

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About National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research, and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. We have 15 colleges, faculties, and schools across three campuses in Singapore, with more than 40,000 students from 100 countries enriching our vibrant and diverse campus community. We have also established more than 20 NUS Overseas Colleges entrepreneurial hubs around the world.

Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research, and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments, and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, research centres of excellence, corporate labs, and more than 30 university-level research institutes focus on themes that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research, and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit nus.edu.sg.

About NUS Faculty of Dentistry

The NUS Faculty of Dentistry began as the Department of Dentistry within the King Edward VII College of Medicine in 1929. It was the first dental school to be established in a British colony in the East. It achieved full Faculty status in 1966 and continues to be the only dental school in Singapore.

The Faculty is led by a Dean and a team of academic and administrative staff, in fulfilling its strive for excellence in the areas of oral health clinical care, research, and education. It works closely with departments in the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and other teaching hospitals and institutions across Singapore in healthcare delivery and education. It also partners departments in other faculties of NUS, public institutions, and private enterprises in multi-disciplinary research activities.

For more information on the Faculty, please visit dentistry.nus.edu.sg.