The UGR consolidates its position as a leading global institution

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The 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) places the University of Granada 268th in the world, reaffirming its position as a leading national and international institution. This year, the UGR is one of eleven Spanish universities to earn a spot among the top 500 global institutions that make up this prestigious international ranking.

Year after year, the University of Granada has climbed the prestigious Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities. In 2017, it has further consolidated its position as the most highly ranked University in Andalusia. It has also earned a spot among the top three Universities in Spain, alongside the University of Barcelona and Pompeu Fabra University, outperforming -for the second year running- other important Spanish institutions such as the Complutense University of Madrid, the Autonomous University of Madrid, the University of Valencia and the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

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This achievement has been made possible thanks to the University’s firm commitment to investing in cutting-edge research over the last ten years. Through this determined strategic bid, the UGR has created world-class research institutes and centres that are now at the forefront of their fields internationally, such as the Research Centre for Information and Communications Technology (CITIC-UGR); the Mind, Brain and Behaviour Research Centre (CIMCYC-UGR); the Andalusian Inter-University Institute for Earth System Research (IISTA-CEAMA); the Math Institute (IEMath-UGR); the UGR Sports and Health Institute (IMUDS); and the Bio-Health Research Institute (IBS-Granada). The UGR has also placed considerable emphasis on attracting talent, enabling researchers to make the most of diverse funding opportunities.

The University has reaped the benefits of this investment, becoming a powerhouse for pioneering, top-quality research that has significant international impact, especially in the areas of mathematics and computer science, among others.

Over the coming years, the UGR will remain firmly committed to maintaining its privileged position in these academic rankings, rolling-out and consolidating new strategic plans to attract talent through innovative programmes, such as the UGR Fellows Programme, which aims to attract highly-skilled researchers working in areas aligned with the European Research Council; the Doctoral Research Assistant Programme, designed to strengthen leading research areas at the UGR; and the Units of Excellence Programme, designed to create cutting-edge research entities capable of securing national seals of quality approval.

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