Dutch universities on top of the world

Dutch universities are among the top 2% of the 17,000 universities worldwide.

American and British universities dominate the top echelons of the four leading rankings. But close on the heels of the US and the UK, the Netherlands and Germany are the best-represented countries.

The pillars of Dutch success***

- **Dutch researchers work hard**
  The Netherlands is second in terms of the number of publications per researcher.

- **High-quality research**
  Dutch publications are frequently cited (second in the world).

- **International collaboration and knowledge sharing**
  Of the students in the Netherlands are international.
  Of the researchers in the Netherlands are international.

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** Source for the number of universities worldwide: European Association of Universities, Global University Rankings and their Impact, 2013.

** The VSNU is made up of 14 government-funded universities. Given its special nature, the Open University was not eligible for inclusion in the rankings.

*** Sources: Rathenau Instituut en VSNU.