

Macleans Rankings - We're NOT #1

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In the latest ranking of universities by Macleans Magazine, SFU was ranked #1 in term of overall quality (<http://tinyurl.com/broaubs>) but we rank far from the top in every average salary category and in the across the board increases received in the last two years.

These results are similar to those from the HESA ratings of research excellence in Bargaining Bulletin #10 (<http://tinyurl.com/c9xoufj>). In that comparison, our salaries fared badly compared to the big universities despite us having comparable research excellence. **However, in the Macleans rankings, average salaries for universities such as Brock University (ranked last in the Macleans ranking) are higher than at SFU!** These results are already two years out of date, so our relative position has declined further.

SFU was very happy with the Macleans ratings with a proud declaration:

“SFU remains Canada's top comprehensive university for the fifth straight year in the latest Maclean's magazine rankings released this month. SFU has been the leader 10 times since Maclean's started its rankings 21 years ago among Canada's 16 comprehensive universities that have significant research activity and a range of undergraduate and graduate programs.”

(<http://tinyurl.com/bnlyd35>)

Similarly, the Administration was proud of our HESA rankings:

“SFU a top 10 research university

A new report rates SFU as one of Canada's top 10 research universities. Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA), ...

SFU placed sixth overall in science and engineering and 10th in social sciences and humanities in the report, which looked at 61 Canadian universities.” <http://tinyurl.com/a5yuj48>

Even President Petter acknowledges the quality of our SFUFA members:

“I've said previously that I tend to be wary of university rankings given their selective criteria and peculiar methodologies. But it would be a mistake to ignore last week's Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA) ranking of research performance among Canadian universities. ... The result is a ranking that is more attuned to contemporary conditions and more inclined to be field-neutral. And what does that ranking show? To the astonishment of the author of the Vancouver Sun story (but not, I trust, to anyone at SFU) it demonstrates that our research performance ranks amongst the best in Canada. ... These results provide strong affirmation of the research talents and achievements of SFU faculty, and of the breadth and depth of our research strengths. (<http://tinyurl.com/c6rc4b5>)

I am waiting with bated breath for the next news release about our salaries.

There is an expression attributed to James Goldsmith (<http://tinyurl.com/ctl85p9>) that may be appropriate in these circumstances.

Macleans Ranking and salary comparators

Salaries in thousands of dollars and are University-wide across all disciplines.
 ? indicates unknown; - indicates rank not present at that institution.

Rank	School	2009 Salaries (\$1000)					2010-2011 Average Salaries (\$1000)			2010-2011 Ceiling on Salaries (\$1000)			Presidents Salary \$1,000	Recent Across the Board Increases % increase				
		Lib	Lect	aP	AP	P	ap	AP	P	2010	2011	2012		2013	2014			
1	SFU	80	84	94	110	137	89	103	133	480	0.0	0.0	?	?	?			
2	U.Vic	80	84	84	101	129	none	none	none	460	0.0	0.0	?	?	?			
3	Waterloo	83	96	97	122	150	none	none	none	311	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			
4	UNB	83	79	73	97	123	95	114	139	?	2.5	3.5	3.5	?	?			
5	Guelph	85	-	102	121	146	none	none	none	464	4.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	?			
6	Carleton	104	89	93	115	138	102	154	154	367	5.2	1.5	1.8	2.0	?			
6	Memorial	79	68	86	108	134	90	126	154	460	4.0	4.0	4.0	?	?			
8	York	106	107	102	127	158	none	none	none	498	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0			
9	Regina	88	?	?	?	?	102	121	none	375	?	?	?	?	?			
10	Windsor	91	93	99	118	150	104	131	none	343	3.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	?			
11	WLU	86	81	88	112	143	none	none	none	384	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	?			
12	Ryerson	84	113	103	123	146	126	none	none	382	4.1	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0			
13	Concordia	76	-	79	102	131	105	117	140	?	3.0	3.0	?	?	?			
14	UQAM	?	?	?	?	?	81	106	118	?	?	?	?	?	?			
15	Brock	94	89	101	121	150	none	none	none	350	3.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	?			