

The University of Nairobi has been ranked position 4 in Africa and first in East Africa in the just released Journals Consortium Ranking. The ranking is based on research publications and citations for the last five years (2010 to 2014) as well as visibility on the internet.

In the ranking, the University of Nairobi recorded a Total Influence Factor of 42.81, a Research Publications and Citations score of 38.80 and an Internet/Web Presence of 4.01.

The University of Cape Town emerged position 1, while Cairo University and University of Pretoria took positions 2 and 3 respectively. Overall, a total 1,447 universities and higher education institutions in Africa were ranked.

In East Africa, Makerere University and Addis Ababa University took positions 2 and 3 respectively. 314 universities and higher education institutions in East Africa were ranked.

In Kenya, a total 67 universities and higher education institutions were ranked with Kenyatta University taking position 2 and Moi University, 3.

From the methodology used in the ranking, the Total Influence Factor (TIF) is the sum of Research Publication and Citation score plus the Internet/Web Presence score. In addition, the Research Publication and Citation (RSC) score is directly proportional to the number of publications and citations of a university or higher institution for 5 years. Journals Consortium utilizes the publications and citations scores available on Google Scholar. The Internet/Web Presence (IWP) is also directly proportional to the number of times the university or higher institution appears on the internet.

Launched in 2012, Journals Consortium's mission is to evaluate universities and other higher education institutions and research journals based on their publications and citation, as well as to bring research articles to everyone's reach.

The following is a list of the first 20 institutions in Africa:

Rank	Institution	Country	Total Factor	Influence
1	University of Cape Town	South Africa	45.02	
2	Cairo University	Egypt	43.43	
3	University of Pretoria	South Africa	43.35	
4	University of Nairobi	Kenya	42.81	
5	University of South Africa	South Africa	42.32	
6	University of the Witwatersrand	South Africa	42.2	
7	Stellenbosch University	South Africa	42.16	
8	University of Ibadan	Nigeria	41.22	
9	University of Kwazulu Natal	South Africa	41.13	
10	Ain Shams University	Egypt	40.54	

11	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	40.05
12	Makerere University	Uganda	40.03
13	University of Nigeria	Nigeria	39.96
14	University of Ghana	Ghana	37.83
15	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia	36.13
16	Rhodes University	South Africa	35.85
17	Alexandria University	Egypt	35.62
18	Ahmadu Bello University	Nigeria	35.57
19	University of the Western Cape	South Africa	34.82
20	University of Lagos	Nigeria	34.48