

University of Sfax Rankings for 2025-2026

1. General Overview

International rankings are now important instruments for assessing the visibility, academic performance, scientific output, innovation, and societal impact of higher education institutions.

For the **2025-2026** academic year, the University of Sfax appears in several leading international rankings, notably **Research.com**, **AD Scientific Index**, **CWTS Leiden**, **U.S. News**, **Webometrics**, **Times Higher Education (THE)**, **QS**, **URAP**, and the **Shanghai Ranking**.

The analysis of the results shows that the University of Sfax is consistently among the top-ranked institutions nationally. It also shows particularly strong international visibility in **scientific research**, as well as in certain disciplines and specialized fields.

2. Overall Rankings of the University of Sfax

The results indicate that the University of Sfax holds:

- **1st place nationally** in several rankings:
 - Research.com – 2026: **1st in Tunisia, 1085th worldwide;**
 - AD Scientific Index – 2026: **1st in Tunisia, 22nd in Africa, 1059th worldwide;**
 - CWTS Leiden – 2025: **1st in Tunisia, 12th in Africa, 662nd worldwide;**
 - U.S. News Best Global Universities – 2025: **1st in Tunisia, 45th in Africa, 956th worldwide;**
 - Webometrics – 2026: **1st in Tunisia, 80th in Africa, 2057th worldwide.**
- **2nd place nationally** in several other major rankings:
 - THE Interdisciplinary Science – 2026: **501-600 worldwide;**
 - THE World University Rankings – 2025: **1001-1200 worldwide;**
 - THE Arab University Rankings – 2026: **97th in the Arab world;**
 - QS World University Rankings – 2026: **1001-1200 worldwide;**
 - QS Arab Region Rankings – 2026: **66th in the Arab world;**
 - URAP – 2025: **729th worldwide;**
 - Arab University Ranking – 2025: **18th in the Arab world.**

These results first demonstrate strong national recognition of the University of Sfax. Ranking first or second nationally in several rankings confirms that the institution has significant visibility within the Tunisian university landscape.

The spread of world ranks, ranging for example from 662nd in CWTS Leiden to 2057th in Webometrics, is not necessarily a contradiction. Each organization uses a **different methodology** and gives different weight to research, publications, citations, web visibility, reputation, or other indicators.

It is therefore preferable to interpret these rankings as complementary perspectives on the University's performance, rather than as perfectly comparable measures.

3. Positioning in Scientific Research

The research dimension is one of the main strengths that emerge from the results.

The **CWTS Leiden 2025** ranking places the University of Sfax:

- **1st in Tunisia;**
- **12th in Africa;**
- **662nd worldwide.**

The **AD Scientific Index 2026** also ranks it:

- **1st in Tunisia;**
- **22nd in Africa;**
- **1059th worldwide.**

In addition, in the ranking based on research indicators, the University of Sfax achieves:

- **1st place nationally;**
- **134th in Africa;**
- **6532nd worldwide.**

These results reflect substantial scientific activity at the University of Sfax and a visible presence in international research databases and indicators.

Research thus appears to be a major driver of the institution's international positioning. It also provides a foundation for academic visibility, scientific collaboration, and international reputation.

4. Performance by Specialized Field

The University of Sfax also stands out in several thematic fields.

Sport Sciences

In the Shanghai Global Ranking 2025 – Sport Sciences, the University of Sfax ranks:

1st nationally and 51st-100th worldwide.

This position reflects strong specialization and international visibility in the field of sport sciences. A place in the world top 100 is a particularly significant indicator of the international presence of this specialty.

5. Societal Impact, Sustainability, and Environment

The University of Sfax also appears in several rankings covering dimensions that are not strictly academic.

THE Impact Rankings – 2025

In the **Social/Economic Impact** dimension, the University of Sfax is:

- **2nd in Tunisia;**
- **601st-800th worldwide.**

QS Sustainability – 2026

The University of Sfax is:

- **2nd in Tunisia;**
- **824th worldwide.**

UI GreenMetric – 2026

It achieves:

- **5th place nationally;**
- **1141st place worldwide.**

These results show that university performance is not limited to research or teaching. The University is also assessed on dimensions such as societal impact, sustainable development, and environmental responsibility.

Comparing the three results nevertheless shows that performance varies by area. The University holds a higher national position in some dimensions than in others, which can guide institutional improvement efforts.

6. Performance by Scientific Discipline

The results of the subject rankings show a particularly strong presence in several fields.

Discipline	National Rank	World Rank
Chemistry	1st	600
Biology & Biochemistry	1st	758
Computer Science	1st	746
Materials Science	1st	906
Earth Sciences	2nd	752
Engineering & Technology	2nd	1097

The University of Sfax shows strong scientific specialization in several disciplines.

Ranking 1st nationally in Chemistry, Biology & Biochemistry, Computer Science, and Materials Science reflects a concentration of expertise, publications, and scientific results in these fields.

The world positions also show that some disciplines enjoy particularly strong international visibility, notably Chemistry, Computer Science, and Earth Sciences.

These results can also be interpreted as an indicator of the role certain disciplines play in the overall scientific influence of the University of Sfax.

7. Overall Ranking, Research, Innovation, and Societal Impact

The composite indicators presented give the following:

Indicator	National Rank	African Rank	World Rank
Overall ranking	2	140	7860
Research	1	134	6532
Innovation	8	75	6667
Societal impact	5	220	7853

These results make it possible to distinguish several dimensions of institutional performance.

Research is the strongest dimension nationally, with a 1st place ranking. This confirms the weight of scientific output in the University's positioning.

By contrast, the ranks obtained in innovation and societal impact differ from the rank recorded for research. This suggests that turning scientific results into innovations, and translating them into societal impact, are distinct dimensions of university performance.

This reading is important: a university may have strong scientific output while performing at different levels in innovation or societal valorization.

8. Key Takeaways

The overall analysis of the 2025-2026 rankings brings out four main findings.

1. A solid national position

The University of Sfax frequently ranks 1st or 2nd nationally in the main rankings considered.

2. A strong research dimension

The results of CWTS Leiden, the AD Scientific Index, and the research indicators show that scientific research is a central element of the University's positioning.

3. Centers of disciplinary excellence

First place nationally in several disciplines, and a top-100 world position in Sport Sciences, illustrate the existence of areas of specialization that benefit from international visibility.

4. Room for improvement in certain dimensions

The results for innovation, societal impact, sustainability, and ecology are more mixed. They highlight the value of continuing efforts in research valorization, technology transfer, innovation, societal impact, and environmental responsibility.

In conclusion, the 2025-2026 international rankings show that the University of Sfax has a particularly solid national position and significant international visibility, with notable performance in scientific research and several specialized disciplines.

The analysis also shows that university performance is multidimensional: it rests not only on research and publications, but also on teaching, innovation, societal impact, sustainability, and institutional visibility.

Rankings can thus be used as steering and decision-support tools, helping to identify areas of strength, track their evolution over time, and target actions likely to improve the international positioning of the University of Sfax.

