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Maclean's University Rankings mark University of Lethbridge as one of Canada's best

The University of Lethbridge has solidified its reputation as a university of choice for students and one of the strongest research universities in its class, with a third place national ranking in the Primarily Undergraduate category of the annual Maclean's University Rankings.

It is the fourth consecutive year that the U of L has been ranked third overall in the Primarily Undergraduate classification, a category that includes 19 universities from across the country. In 2015, the University maintained or bettered its category ranking in nine of 12 indicators from the previous year, reflecting the U of L's concerted focus on increasing its research portfolio while maintaining a strong undergraduate educational experience.

"The Maclean's University rankings help confirm that we continue to make significant progress as a university in the areas of research, teaching and student services," says University of Lethbridge President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mike Mahon. "Our impact as a university is being noticed, not only by leaders and stakeholders across the country, as reflected by the reputational portion of these rankings, but by the increasing number of leading faculty and bright minds that make the U of L their university of choice."

The U of L realized its greatest category gain in investments it makes to student services, surging three spots to rank second overall in the category. The University also moved up two spots in funding available for student scholarships and bursaries, and jumped one spot in the reputational rankings, moving to third overall.

"The student experience is always at the forefront of our philosophy," adds Mahon. "We are committed to providing a personal and supportive campus atmosphere that enables our students to achieve their academic goals."

The University continues to set the standard for primarily undergraduate institutions in terms of medical and science grants received, a compilation of the average size and number of peer-adjudicated research grants from both the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health

Research (CIHR). The U of L has led this category for the past two years.

“These rankings reflect the great talent, ability and dedication of our faculty and staff,” says Mahon. “The contributions we make to communities across Alberta, Canada and beyond through research and teaching are significant. The University community, and those who support us, can be very proud of what the U of L has been able to accomplish in less than 50 years.”

The complete Maclean’s University Rankings report was sent to digital subscribers on Wednesday, Oct. 28, with the print version released today.

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