

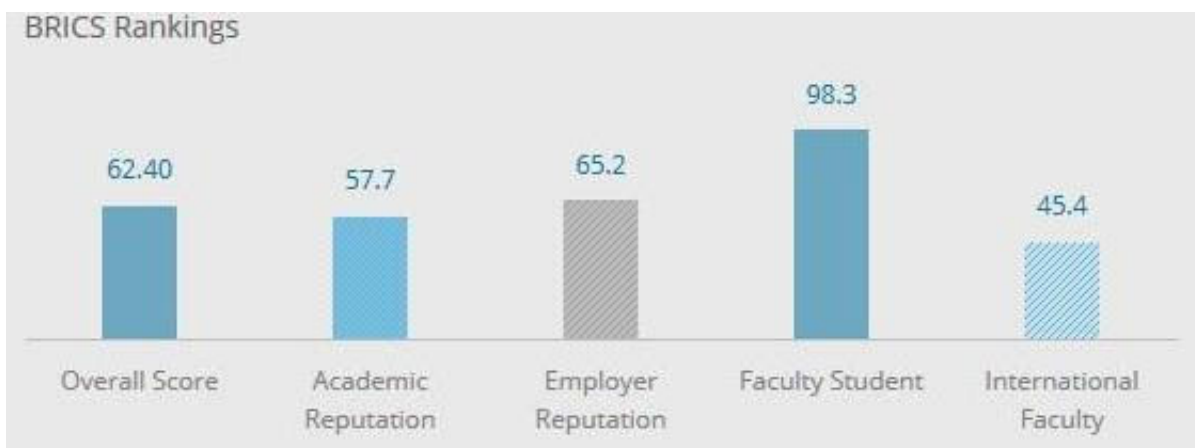
## SPbPU Features in the Top 100 Universities in the BRICS Countries According to the QS Rankings

On Tuesday night (Moscow time), British consulting company Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) published the ranking of the best universities in the BRICS countries – [QS BRICS-2016](#). Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University is ranked 61st among the best universities in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South America.



This year, the number of universities represented in the QS BRICS-2016 Rankings increased by 25% – 250 instead of the 200 last year. The ranking features 55 Russian Universities, which makes Russia second only to China, which has 86, in terms of the number of universities represented in the rankings.

The QS BRICS-2016 Rankings evaluates universities based on eight key performance indicators, each having a different impact on the university's position in the ranking. The major indicators include the university's academic reputation (30%), employer reputation (20%), and student-to-faculty ratio (20%). The Polytechnic University earned 98.3 points according to the latter indicator, which proves the high quality of education.



The ranking also assesses the number of faculty with a degree (10%), citations per faculty (10%), international faculty ratio (2.5%), and international student ratio (2.5%). Some indicators are used in the QS World University Rankings, while others reflect the priorities and challenges peculiar to the universities in the BRICS countries.

Lomonosov Moscow State University is the only Russian University to make it into the top 10 of the QS BRICS-2016 Rankings – it is ranked 7th. The top three positions are occupied by Chinese universities: Tsinghua University, Peking University, and Fudan University respectively.

For reference:

The QS BRICS-2016 Rankings has been annually evaluating the best universities in the BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa – since 2013. Developed by QS in association with Russian information agency Interfax, this ranking is aimed at analyzing the dynamics of the progress in higher education in each of the five BRICS countries and making it easier to compare universities in countries with similar socio-economic conditions. Infographics showing the changes in the positions of Russian universities in the QS BRICS Rankings can be found on the official website of [information agency RIA Novosti](#).

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