

Press release

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022: Centrale Nantes in the top 5 in France across several engineering fields

Nantes, 6 April 2022. Centrale Nantes is ranked among the top French schools and universities for the quality of its research and its reputation in the QS World University Ranking, one of the most respected world rankings. Centrale Nantes is thus positioned in the top 5 in France in mechanics, aeronautics and manufacturing as well as in civil engineering.

Centrale Nantes has made significant progress across several engineering fields and subjects:

- **Mechanics, aeronautics and manufacturing:** Centrale Nantes **jumped 42 places to 109th place in the world** for these subjects and **4th in France**
- **Civil engineering:** the school is placed in the top 200 worldwide and **5th in France**
- **Electrical and electronic engineering:** the school ranks in the top 450 worldwide and **13th in France**

Jean-Baptiste AVRILLIER, Director of Centrale Nantes: *"This result is without a doubt very fine recognition of the school's performance, which reflects our internationally recognised research and drive in innovation. It highlights the employability of our graduates and confirms our strategy of developing major projects to support industrial innovation."*

This ranking underscores Centrale Nantes' attractiveness and its research excellence, as well as its work supporting companies as they move towards the industry of the future, with ambitious partnership research projects in transport decarbonisation, renewable energy and additive manufacturing.

QS World University Rankings methodology

Each year, the QS World University Rankings ranks the world's 1,500 best institutions, in 5 major fields and 51 subjects. The QS rankings differ from other international rankings in that academic peer review (40% of the final score) and employer reputation (30%) take priority. Two further criteria are used for this ranking: the impact and productivity of faculty's published research (10%) and citations per paper (10%).

About Centrale Nantes

Founded in 1919, Centrale Nantes is a French engineering school and member of the Ecoles Centrale Group. The school boasts excellent rankings: top ten engineering school in France (L'Etudiant 2022), top 250 worldwide for engineering (Times Higher Education 2022) and no.1 in the first ever ranking of engineering schools to change the world, compiled by Les Echos START and ChangeNOW. Its undergraduate, Master and PhD programmes are based on the latest scientific and technological developments and the best management practices. With strong international outreach, 43% of its student body are international students, representing more than 87 nationalities. Partnership agreements are in place with 178 universities in 48 countries and two-thirds of students follow a double degree programme abroad. At Centrale Nantes, research and training are organised into three key areas for growth and innovation: manufacturing, energy transition and healthcare. With research platforms ranging from digital simulation to prototyping with full-scale models, and a joint incubator - with Audencia and ensa Nantes - which has 20 years of experience in supporting start-up projects, the school has two major tools for innovation and creation, working hand-in-hand with industry. Through a proactive approach of collaborative research between laboratories and industry, Centrale Nantes is developing initiatives for the creation of international chairs, of which there are 15 to date.

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