For the first time in the country's history, six Azerbaijani universities have entered the TOP 1000 of QS 2026 ranking of the best universities in the world. The total number of Azerbaijani universities in this ranking has increased to 9.

The positions of three universities have significantly strengthened compared to last year. Six of our universities were included in the aforementioned global ranking for the first time.

The Baku State University, which received the highest score in the country, was ranked 688th, rising by almost 300 positions. The positions of the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (801-850) and the Azerbaijan State University of Petroleum & Industry (851-900) have increased significantly compared to last year.

For the first time, the Azerbaijan Technical University (851-900), the Baku Engineering University (901-950) and the Khazar University (951-1000) entered the TOP 1000 of the QS 2026 Ranking of the best universities in the world.

The Azerbaijan University of Architecture & Civil Engineering (1001-1200), the Sumgait State University (1001-1200) and ADA University (1201-1400) were also included in this global ranking for the first time.

In terms of the number of universities newly included in this ranking, Azerbaijan ranks 2nd among 106 represented countries!

Positive dynamics is observed in the indicators of Azerbaijani universities in terms of "academic prestige", "prestige among employers", "ratio of teachers to students", "proportion of foreign teachers", "proportion of foreign students" and "employment results".

It should be noted that, according to the results of the QS 2026 World University Rankings, Azerbaijan has become a leader in the South Caucasus region. The number of universities from Azerbaijan included in the ranking is three times higher than the total number of universities from other countries in the region combined.