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For research leadership setting a partnership strategy. Ten peers: a national or mission group comparison set, each read in the same depth as your own.

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Reputation says who you are. Collaboration says who you work with.

The Blueprint says who you should work with next, why, and who would pay for it.

The index is free, public and independent; no commercial relationship changes any position. The Blueprint cannot move any university's position, band or score.

A decision document for where the partnership budget goes.

Research leadership and partnership offices decide where to send limited time, travel and matched funding. A Blueprint reads all 1,195 universities in the Research Collaboration Index on your behalf and turns the published record into named partners, the field that justifies each one, and the route that would fund it. These are the decisions it is built to support.

Who do we approach next, and in which field?

Named universities, the field that justifies each one, and both published positions side by side.

Which partnerships do we formalise, fund or let lapse?

Every anchor partner read by joint output against the citation impact of that joint work.

What would pay for it?

The fund, scheme or bilateral programme behind each recommended partnership, from funders' own records.

How do we brief leadership?

One page a vice-chancellor can read in five minutes, with every figure traceable to the public record.

How do we read against our peers?

The same Blueprint for each peer you choose, so the comparison is like for like, page for page.

WHO BENCHMARK IS FOR

- Research leadership setting a partnership strategy
- A planning team preparing a strategy review or a council paper
- A national or mission group comparison, read page for page

Ten peers: a national or mission group comparison set, each read in the same depth as your own.

THREE PROMISES

- **A position you can defend.** Your standing broken down and read against the five universities the index places closest to you, not a peer set chosen to flatter.
- **Partners you can name.** Specific institutions, the field behind each, and exactly where they are ahead of you.
- **A route that pays.** The fund, scheme or bilateral programme that would finance each recommended partnership.

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1	Cover	Published standing, band and regional position, with the headline network figures	Open in preview
2	The one page a vice-chancellor reads	Three strengths to lead with, three problems to manage, three moves to make	Open in preview
3	Collaboration profile	Six scored pillars and brokerage as global percentiles, read against the peer group	Open in preview
4	Anatomy of the standing	Each pillar's weighted contribution: the whole calculation, nothing discretionary	Open in preview
5	Full subject portfolio	Every field the index ranks the university in, strongest and weakest named	Full edition only
6	Discipline deep dive	The four broad domains and the partners each one actually leans on	Open in preview
7	Which partnerships pay off	Every anchor partner plotted by joint output against citation impact	Open in preview
8	Concentration and dependency	How much of the network rests on a few relationships	Full edition only
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12	Partners who close your gaps	Five world-leading universities in the fields where you are furthest back	Full edition only
13	Subject Awards	The university's standing in the 2026 Subject Awards, with the cited work behind it	Open in preview
14	A 90 day plan	Three moves, sequenced, each pointing back to a figure in the Blueprint	Open in preview
15	Sources and method	Every figure, its source, and where anyone can check it	Open in preview

Four pages from a real preview Blueprint: University of Cape Town.

Taken unchanged from the public preview edition at www.globalresearchpartnerships.com/rci/blueprint/samples/university-of-cape-town.pdf, one of eight open samples. The preview edition is titled a partner dossier; the edition you receive opens every section.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION INDEX 2026
The partner dossier

University of Cape Town

South Africa · Africa · measured over co-authored research published 2021 to 2025

†121 in the world Gold standing #1 in Africa †19 in the world for Psychology

202,835
co-authored works, 2021 to 2025

1,101
partner universities

79
partner countries

889
sustained deep ties

3.37
citation impact of the joint work

91%
of partners non-redundant

What this document is

The index measures **collaboration, not reputation**: how central University of Cape Town is in the global research network, computed from the open research record rather than from any survey. This dossier takes the same evidence further than the public page can. It reads the whole cohort of 1,195 ranked universities on your behalf and answers the questions you cannot answer from inside one institution: how your pillars compare with the peer group the index itself assigns you, where you published subject standing is strongest and weakest across all 25 ranked fields, how exposed your network is to a small number of partners, and which specific universities you are not yet anchored to that the data says you should be. Every figure is traceable. Each visual carries what it shows, what it means and the source it came from, and the final page lists every source with the place you can check it for yourself. **GRP is independent and the index is free and public. No commercial relationship with GRP changes any university's score or position, and none ever will.**

What is inside

01 The one page a vice-chancellor reads
Strengths, challenges and the three moves worth making

02 Your collaboration profile
Six scored pillars and brokerage, against your own peer group

03 The anatomy of your standing
Every point in the score, and what a point is worth where

04 Your entire subject portfolio
All 25 published field positions, not the six the public page shows

Page 1. The cover: published standing and the network in figures

THE ONE PAGE A VICE-CHANCELLOR READS

Where University of Cape Town stands, and what to do about it

Three strengths to lead with, three problems to manage and three moves to make, each drawn from a specific figure later in this document.

The finding. University of Cape Town is a world top-19 university in Psychology, with 7 of its 25 ranked fields inside the world top 100. The gap that matters is reach, where it sits 11.2 percentile points behind its own peer group. The largest single move available is City University of Hong Kong, ranked #1 in Materials Science against your #1,022, and not currently an anchor partner.

Strengths

Psychology is the anchor field. World #19 of 1,188 ranked universities, with Social Sciences at #34, Medicine at #39 behind it. These are the fields a consortium should be built around.

Strong on international and impact. University of Cape Town sits in the 97th percentile for international and the 86th for impact.

A bridge, not only a hub. 247 of 272 partners (91%) are non-redundant, so the network connects communities that would not otherwise meet.

Challenges

Influence is the softest pillar. At the 79th percentile it sits clearly below the others, and it is the single clearest place to build.

Behind your own peer group on reach. Your reach percentile is 82 against a peer-set mean of 93.2, a gap of 11.2 points.

Concentrated network. 53% of collaboration volume sits with just two partner countries, United States and United Kingdom.

Opportunities

Lift Wageningen. They rank #1 in Agricultural and Biological Sciences against your #77, and they are not among your 15 anchor partners. Route: Horizon Europe association or third-country participation, or a bilateral link between the NRF (South Africa) and NWO.

Close the gap with CityU Hong Kong. They rank #1 in Materials Science against your #1,022, and they are not among your 15 anchor partners. Route: a bilateral programme linking the NRF (South Africa) and the RGC, or a Belmont Forum or HFSP cross-region call.

Lift LSE. They rank #2 in Economics, Econometrics and Finance against your #89, and they are not among your 15 anchor partners. Route: Horizon Europe association or third-country participation, or a bilateral link between the NRF (South Africa) and UKRI.

The peer group this dossier measures you against

The five universities the index places closest to University of Cape Town on the standing score. Every peer comparison in this document uses this set, not a group chosen to flatter.

University of Tübingen
Germany, world #118

Université Paris-Saclay
France, world #119

The University of Texas at Austin
United States, world

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
United States, world

Arizona State University
United States, world

Page 2. The one page a vice-chancellor reads

VISUAL 1 AND VISUAL 2

Your collaboration profile, and how it reads against your peers

Visual 1. Six scored pillars and brokerage, as global percentiles

Each axis is a percentile against all 1,195 ranked universities. The dashed ring marks the top decile, so anything touching it is a top ten per cent position.

University of Cape Town is strongest on **international, at the 97th percentile**, then impact (86th) and sustained (86th). The dashed ring is the top decile, so anything touching it is a defensible strength. Brokerage is shown alongside the six scored pillars but is deliberately not part of the score: **247 of 272 partners (91%) are non-redundant**, which is a measure of whether you connect communities that would otherwise stay apart, not of how widely you publish.

Source: open scholarly record (OpenAlex), co-authored works 2021 to 2025. Verify at the [methodology page at globalresearchpartnerships.com/rci/methodology](http://methodology.page.at/globalresearchpartnerships.com/rci/methodology)

Visual 2. The same pillars, measured against your own peer group

Your percentile minus the mean of your five index-assigned peers. Gold is ahead of the peer set, blue is behind it.

Pillar	Score	Position
International	+32.4	you 97, peers 65
Impact	+15.6	you 86, peers 70
Sustained	-7.0	you 86, peers 93
Influence	-8.0	you 79, peers 87
Diversity	-9.6	you 80, peers 90
Reach	-11.2	you 82, peers 93

Page 3. The collaboration profile, against the peer group

FUNDING

The funding behind the network, and the routes that pay for the next one

What GRP can evidence, stated plainly, and nothing beyond it.

University of Cape Town holds **96 awards** across the funders listed, every one of them published by the funder itself and searchable by anyone. The split between Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 matters for planning: the Horizon 2020 share is closing, so a partnership built on that record needs a Horizon Europe successor call, not a renewal.

FUNDER	IDENTIFIED	AWARDS	CHECK IT YOURSELF
European Commission	Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020	€25M	96 cords.europa.eu, searchable by participant name

What our funding data does and does not cover. GRP states a funding figure only where the funder publishes the award itself. That is the European Commission for 417 of the 1,195 ranked universities and the US National Institutes of Health for 158. Where neither applies, this dossier names the funding route for each recommended partnership instead of quoting a total we cannot evidence.

Funding routes for the partnerships recommended in this dossier

The programme that would credibly fund each specific pairing, given both countries.

PARTNER	COUNTRY	ROUTE
Wageningen	Netherlands	Horizon Europe association or third-country participation, or a bilateral link between the NRF (South Africa) and NWO
LSE	United Kingdom	Horizon Europe association or third-country participation, or a bilateral link between the NRF (South Africa) and UKRI
CityU Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR	a bilateral programme linking the NRF (South Africa) and the RGC, or a Belmont Forum or HFSP cross-region call
University of Bern	Switzerland	Horizon Europe association or third-country participation, or a bilateral link between the NRF (South Africa) and the SNSF

Source: GRP funder and programme mapping by country pair, with European Commission CORDIS project database, Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020. Source: European Commission CORDIS project database, Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 and US National Institutes of Health award records. Verify

Page 10. Funding: the awards behind the network

The comparison your team would otherwise have to build.

A Blueprint is not an opinion about your university. It is the published record, read for you, with the work already done.

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Building this in house means harvesting co-authored works for 1,195 universities, ranking each in up to 26 subject fields, matching funder records to every university and every country pair, and then repeating it for each peer in the same method so the comparison holds.

Benchmark delivers it for 11 universities within 3 working days of payment.

EVIDENCE QUALITY

Every figure

traceable to its source

Every rank and score comes from that university's own record in the published index, and is checked by an automated verifier against that record before a Blueprint leaves.

Funding is shown only where the funder's own published record supports it: CORDIS for the 417 ranked universities the European Commission publishes, NIH award records for the 158 with US federal funding.

REPRODUCIBLE OPEN DATA

Open

no survey, no votes, no licensed data

Built on the open scholarly record (co-authored works 2021 to 2025), CORDIS and NIH award data, with the method published in advance. Anyone can rebuild any figure.

The final page of every Blueprint lists each source and where to check it.

WHY YOU CAN TRUST IT

- The index is free, public and independent; no commercial relationship changes any position.
- A Blueprint cannot move your position, band or score, or any other university's. It says so on its own final page.
- Corrections to the public index are free, published, and never depend on any purchase.
- Where a multi-campus system pools output across siblings, the Blueprint says so on page two.

"Nanyang Technological University rank first in Computer Science against your third, and they are not among your fifteen anchor partners."

A sentence of the kind the Blueprint writes, checked against the published 2026 index. That sentence is the product.

What universities and media said about their results.

The Research Collaboration Index went public on 15 September 2026. Universities published their results through their own newsrooms, schools and research channels. Every item below links to its source; in this PDF each name is a live link.

“I am incredibly proud that Queen Mary has been ranked 25th in the world for our research collaborations.”

Queen Mary University of London, Professor Colin Bailey
CBE, President
Queen Mary news, 18 September 2026
<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/news/latest-news/2026/queen-mary-news/pr/queen-mary-ranked-25th-in-world-for-research-collaboration.html>

“This recognition belongs to our researchers and partners around the world”

University of Nottingham, Professor Tom Rodden, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange
Nottingham Research, official LinkedIn, September 2026
<https://www.linkedin.com/posts/activity-7505645432182800385-73ND>

“I’m happy to see that our efforts to stimulate collaborations are recognized in this index.”

University of Amsterdam, Professor Bas de Bruin, Scientific Director, Van 't Hoff Institute for Molecular Sciences
Faculty of Science news, September 2026
<https://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/organisation/faculties/faculty-of-science/newsevents/science-news.html>

“collaboration is what is awarded here.”

KU Leuven, Professor Philip Moons, Health Professions Subject Award winner
Personal LinkedIn post

UCLH prostate cancer expert wins international medicine award

UCLH, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
UCLH news: Professor Mark Emberton, Medicine Subject Award 2026
<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/news/uclh-prostate-cancer-expert-wins-international-medicine-award>

Professor Jaideep Prabhu and the University honoured

Cambridge Judge Business School
Official faculty article on the Business, Management and Accounting Subject Award
<https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/2026/professor-jaideep-prabhu-and-the-university-honoured/>

University of Arizona, university news: news.arizona.edu

University of Arizona International, international office: international.arizona.edu

Queen Mary EECS, school news: www.qmul.ac.uk

Université PSL, university news: psl.eu

University of Warsaw, university news: en.uw.edu.pl

Medical University of Warsaw, university news: www.wum.edu.pl

Comenius University Bratislava, university news: uniba.sk

East Anglia Bylines, independent regional news: eastangliabylines.co.uk

ERA Portal Slovakia, national research portal: eraportal.sk

STVR Radio Slovakia International, public broadcaster: skrsi.stvr.sk

These are the words of universities and media about their results in the free, public index, linked to the source. They comment on the index, not on the Blueprint, and are not endorsements of it.

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