Appendix II: Comparison of Policymakers’ and Academic Rankings of Top Research Programs[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| TRIP Policy: Top Research | Combined Rank: US News and NRC | School | NRC Rank: Research Activity Average | US News: Grad | Average Ranking |
| 2 | 1 | Stanford University | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | Harvard University | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 17 | 3 | University of Michigan--Ann Arbor | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 | Columbia University | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 6 | 9 | 7.5 |
| n/r | 5 | University of California - San Diego | 8 | 7 | 7.5 |
| 3 | 7 | Princeton University | 15 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | 7 | Yale University | 11 | 5 | 8 |
| 22 | 9 | New York University | 4 | 17 | 10.5 |
| 10 | 10 | University of California - Berkeley | 19 | 6 | 12.5 |
| 8 | 10 | University of Chicago | 14 | 11 | 12.5 |
| n/r | 10 | Washington University in St. Louis | 12 | 13 | 12.5 |
| 13 | 13 | Duke University | 18 | 9 | 13.5 |
| 29 | 14 | University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill | 21 | 13 | 17 |
| n/r | 15 | University of California - Davis | 15 | 24 | 19.5 |
| n/r | 15 | University of Rochester | 24 | 15 | 19.5 |
| 29 | 17 | Pennsylvania State University - University Park | 13 | 28 | 20.5 |
| n/r | 17 | Rice University | 5 | 36 | 20.5 |
| 29 | 19 | University of Wisconsin - Madison | 30 | 15 | 22.5 |
| 29 | 20 | Texas A&M University - College Station | 22 | 24 | 23 |
| 29 | 20 | University of Washington | 20 | 26 | 23 |
| 29 | 22 | University of California - Los Angeles | 36 | 11 | 23.5 |
| n/r | 22 | University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign | 26 | 21 | 23.5 |
| n/r | 24 | Northwestern University | 27 | 21 | 24 |
| 10 | 24 | George Washington University | 9 | 39 | 24 |
| n/r | 26 | Emory University | 22 | 28 | 25 |
| n/r | 26 | Ohio State University | 33 | 17 | 25 |
| n/r | 28 | Florida State University | 15 | 39 | 27 |
| 29 | 28 | Indiana University - Bloomington | 28 | 26 | 27 |
| n/r | 30 | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | 39 | 17 | 28 |
| 15 | 31 | University of Maryland - College Park | 32 | 28 | 30 |
| n/r | 31 | Binghamton - SUNY | 9 | 51 | 30 |
| n/r | 33 | Michigan State University | 35 | 28 | 31.5 |
| n/r | 33 | Stony Brook University - SUNY | 30 | 33 | 31.5 |
| 29 | 35 | Cornell University | 47 | 20 | 33.5 |
| 15 | 36 | University of Pennsylvania | 40 | 28 | 34 |
| 29 | 36 | University of Pittsburgh | 29 | 39 | 34 |
| n/r | 38 | Vanderbilt University | 34 | 39 | 36.5 |
| n/r | 39 | University of California - Riverside | 25 | 51 | 38 |
| 22 | 40 | University of Texas - Austin | 57 | 21 | 39 |
| n/r | 41 | University of Colorado - Boulder | 41 | 39 | 40 |
| n/r | 41 | University of Iowa | 47 | 33 | 40 |
| n/r | 43 | University of Arizona | 36 | 46 | 41 |
| n/r | 44 | Brown University | 41 | 46 | 43.5 |
| n/r | 44 | University of California - Irvine | 51 | 36 | 43.5 |
| n/r | 46 | University of Notre Dame | 67 | 36 | 51.5 |
| 15 | 46 | University of Virginia | 70 | 33 | 51.5 |
| n/r | 48 | University of California - Santa Barbara | 56 | 49 | 52.5 |
| 5 | 49 | Georgetown University | 67 | 39 | 53 |
| n/r | 49 | University of Oregon | 44 | 62 | 53 |
| 4 | 61 | Johns Hopkins University | 80 | 39 | 59.5 |
| 12 | N/A | Tufts University | . | . | . |
| 17 | N/R | George Mason  | . | 51 | . |
| 17 | 64 | Syracuse University | 70 | 51 | 60.5 |
| 17 | N/A | Oxford University | . | . | . |
| 22 | N/A | College of William and Mary | . | . | . |
| 22 | N/A | Dartmouth College | . | . | . |
| 22 | N/A | London School of Economics | . | . | . |
| 22 | N/A | U.S. Military Academy at West Point | . | . | . |
| 22 | N/A | Naval Postgraduate School | . | . | . |
| 21 | N/A | National Defense University | . | . | . |
| 29 | 86 | American University | 100 | 72 | 86.0 |
| 29 | N/A | Joint Special Operations University | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Monterey Institute of International Studies | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Carnegie Mellon University | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | University of Denver | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | University of Cambridge | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Missouri State University | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Mercyhurst College | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Williams College | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Hillsdale College | . | . | . |
| 29 | N/A | Naval War College | . | . | . |
| 29 | 67 | Arizona State University | 74 | 51 | 62.5 |

1. This table shows the rankings for top 50 programs based on NRC Research Activity Average Rank and the US News Grad Rank. It then also shows the 2011 TRIP Policymaker Survey data rankings for the question: “In your opinion, which universities have faculty who produce the most policy-relevant research in the social sciences? Please list up to five.” The 2011 TRIP rankings go from 1-29 (a total of 49 programs are mentioned at least once). These results are in the first column. The second column is the ranking of Top 50 programs based upon a composite of the NRC and US News and World Report rankings for Political Science programs. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)