

# HE Higher Education Ranking 2025 RANKING REPORT OF:

**Kherson State University**

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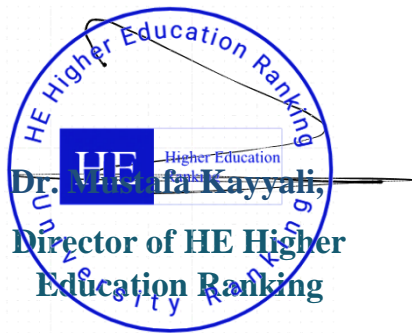
[Kherson State University]

For being ranked (208<sup>th</sup>) in HE Higher Education  
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# HE Higher Education Ranking, 2025 Edition

## Ranking Report for:

# Kherson State University

## University Profile:

Name of the university: **Kherson State University**

Country: **Ukraine**

Website: **<https://www.ksu.ks.ua>**

Overall Ranking: **208th/422**

Overall points for the ranking: **5988**

**Description:** Kherson State University is one of the oldest universities in southern Ukraine, and acts as a centre of educational, scientific, pedagogical, and cultural activities. As of 2024, Kherson State University is attended by approximately 8000 students from 23 regions of Ukraine and other CIS countries.



# Analysis of Data:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Criteria: Research

Allocated points by the university: 328 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 900 points

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Criteria: Internationalization

Allocated points by the university: 185 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 700 points

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Criteria: Teaching

Allocated points by the university: 465 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 800 points

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- 4<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Student Success, and Graduation

Allocated points by the university: 224 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 500 points

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Faculty & Staff

Allocated points by the university: 261 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 600 points

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- 6<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Funding, Finance, and Grants

Allocated points by the university: 126 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 7<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Facilities & Resources, and management

Allocated points by the university: 168 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 8<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Social, and Cultural Impact of the University

Allocated points by the university: 200 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 400 points

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- 9<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Networking

Allocated points by the university: 362 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 600 points

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- 10<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Equity, equality, Diversity, and inclusion

Allocated points by the university: 318 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 400 points

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- 11<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Foreign Language, and Linguistic Impact

Allocated points by the university: 202 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 400 points

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- 12<sup>th</sup> Criteria: UN SDGs, and 2030 Agenda

Allocated points by the university: 65 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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- 13<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Labor Market

Allocated points by the university: 284 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 400 points

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- 14<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Recreation, support, and entertainment

Allocated points by the university: 198 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 15<sup>th</sup> Criteria: IT, and computer equipment

Allocated points by the university: 216 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 16<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Lifelong learning

Allocated points by the university: 333 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 500 points

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- 17<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Data Management

Allocated points by the university: 280 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 18<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Admissions & Enrollments

Allocated points by the university: 260 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 400 points

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- 19<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Media

Allocated points by the university: 282 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 20<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Academic Freedom

Allocated points by the university: 175 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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- 21<sup>st</sup> Criteria: Support of distance learning

Allocated points by the university: 275 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 300 points

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- 22<sup>nd</sup> Criteria: Innovation and creativity

Allocated points by the university: 248 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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- 23<sup>rd</sup> Criteria: Sustainability and management

Allocated points by the university: 200 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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- 24<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Academic Transparency

Allocated points by the university: 200 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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- 25<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Futuristic Concept of the University

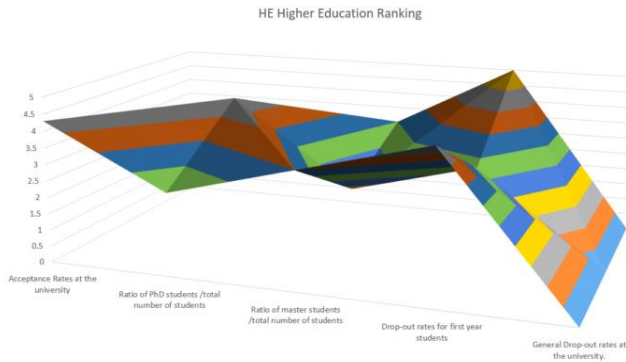
Allocated points by the university: 133 points

Maximum points for the criteria: 200 points

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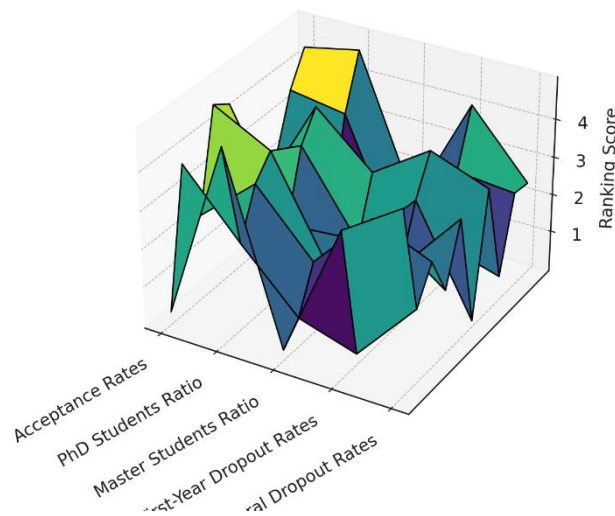
## About HE Higher Education Ranking:



The HE Higher Education Ranking Project is a scientifically grounded, academically rigorous, and research-driven ranking institution designed to assess higher education institutions worldwide. Unlike traditional ranking systems that primarily emphasize prestige and historical reputation, this

ranking focuses on dynamic, real-world performance indicators that drive institutional improvement and impact. The HE Higher Education Ranking does not merely classify universities; it empowers them. By assessing performance across teaching quality, research excellence, governance, sustainability, social responsibility, and innovation, the ranking provides universities with valuable insights into their strengths and areas for improvement.

HE Higher Education Ranking - 3D Surface Visualization



Rather than reinforcing rigid hierarchies in higher education, this ranking encourages continuous development, adaptation, and long-term institutional excellence. Through an inclusive, global, and future-focused methodology, HE Higher Education Ranking serves as both a benchmark for institutional success and a blueprint for meaningful progress in higher education worldwide.

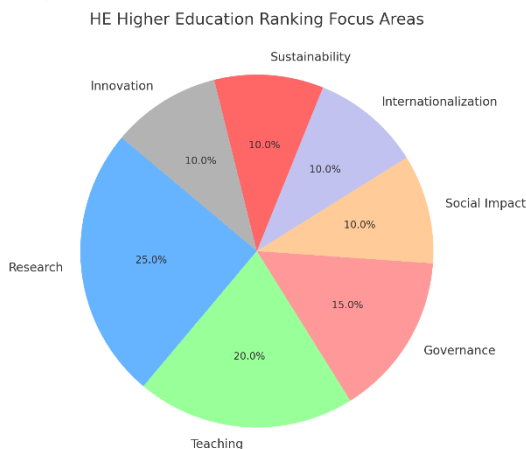
## What Makes This Ranking Unique?

The HE Higher Education Ranking is built on the principles of:

- ✓ Academic Transparency & Freedom – Promoting unrestricted access to knowledge, research, and institutional data.



✓ **Data-Driven Assessment** – Measuring universities through 25 comprehensive criteria and 138 performance indicators, ensuring an objective and actionable evaluation.



✓ **Social & Scientific Impact** – Highlighting universities' contributions to cultural, social, and economic development, beyond just research output.

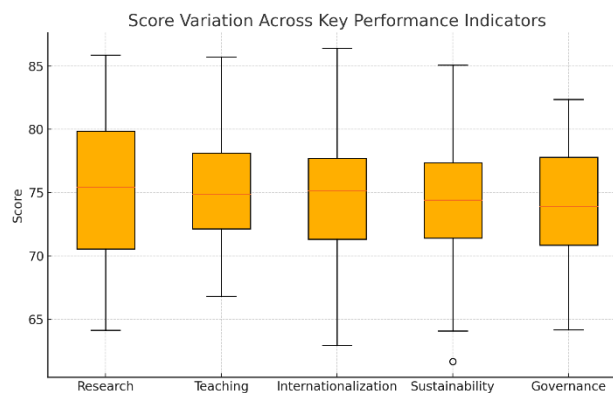
✓ **Equity & Inclusivity** – Supporting diverse, inclusive higher education models and eliminating barriers to access.

✓ **Institutional Growth & Improvement** – Providing universities with clear, data-backed roadmaps for enhancing performance across

teaching, research, governance, and innovation.

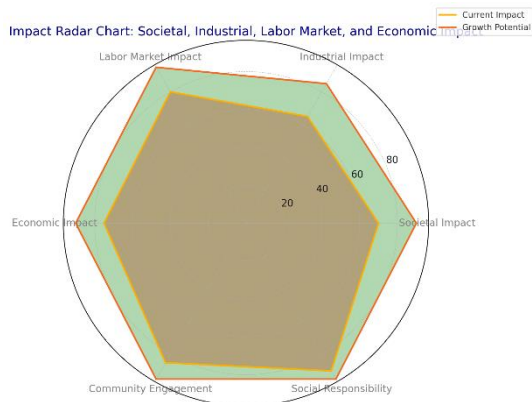
## Our Approach

At HE Higher Education Ranking, our approach is centered on a transformative vision to elevate higher education institutions worldwide. Unlike traditional rankings that focus primarily on reputation, we emphasize real, fair, and equitable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that offer actionable insights for institutional growth and long-term development. Our ranking methodology ensures that universities are evaluated through a transparent, impartial, and dynamic framework designed to improve institutional operations, expand access to higher education, support internationalization, enhance scientific research, and align academic outcomes with labor market needs. We believe that higher education should be inclusive, innovative, and responsive to societal and economic challenges. By analyzing performance across 25 key criteria and 138 indicators, we enable universities to enhance their teaching strategies, improve governance models, and foster student success. Our approach supports academic transparency and freedom, ensuring that institutions operate in an environment that encourages open access to information and data, collaboration, and global mobility.



Beyond measuring institutional performance, the ranking is designed to drive meaningful change. Universities are evaluated not only on their research and teaching excellence but also on their cultural, social, and scientific impact. The ranking recognizes institutions that actively contribute to societal development, promote social justice and eliminate barriers to equity and inclusion in higher education. By encouraging universities to align with global best practices, we empower

them to bridge the gap between education and the labor market, ensuring that graduates are equipped with future-ready skills. Through a commitment to fairness, transparency, and



innovation, HE Higher Education Ranking is more than just a classification system; it is a strategic tool for universities to measure progress, refine their policies, and enhance their global standing. By offering a structured path to continuous improvement, we enable institutions to adapt, evolve, and make a lasting impact on higher education worldwide. The ranking approach is based on supporting academic transparency and freedom, access to information and data,

achieving the cultural, social, and scientific impact of higher education institutions, promoting social justice, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and injustice in higher education institutions.

## The 2025 Questionnaire: A More Comprehensive and Data-Driven Approach

For the 2025 edition of the HE Higher Education Ranking, we have significantly enhanced our questionnaire to ensure a more detailed, data-rich, and insightful assessment of participating universities. Recognizing the need for greater precision in evaluating institutional performance, we have refined and expanded the questionnaire to collect richer and more specific data. This ensures that universities receive customized insights tailored to their unique contexts, allowing for a more accurate evaluation of their strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

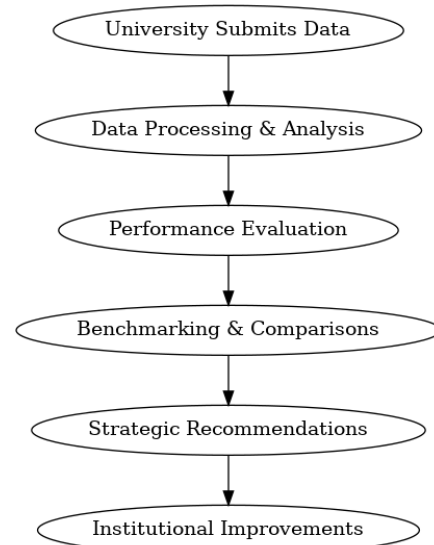


The updated questionnaire is designed to provide institutions with a clearer understanding of their development areas, equipping them with data-driven recommendations for strategic enhancement. By delving deeper into key performance areas such as research output, teaching effectiveness, student experience, governance,

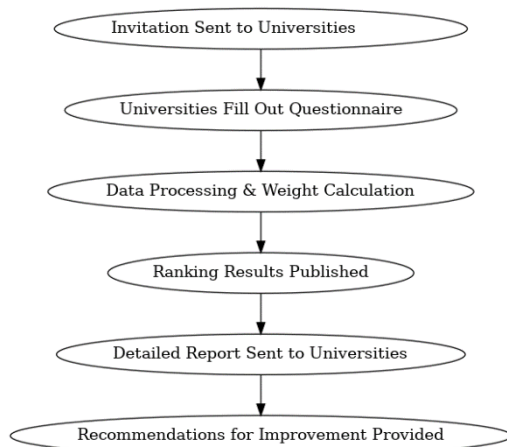
internationalization, and societal impact, we ensure that the ranking offers a more holistic and meaningful perspective on university performance. The additional depth in the

questionnaire allows for a more nuanced analysis, enabling institutions to identify areas of excellence and pinpoint specific opportunities for growth.

This new approach ensures that the data universities submit is not only used for ranking purposes but also serves as a roadmap for institutional enhancement. With a greater level of detail and specificity, universities can leverage their ranking data to improve key aspects of their operations, refine their academic strategies, and strengthen their global engagement. The HE Higher Education Ranking is committed to helping institutions maximize their potential, and the improvements in the 2025 questionnaire reflect this dedication. By making the questionnaire more comprehensive, we aim to provide universities with more precise feedback, detailed benchmarking reports, and practical recommendations that can support their continuous improvement. Universities that engage fully with the new questionnaire will benefit from a more targeted and strategic evaluation, empowering them to take proactive steps toward excellence in the global academic landscape.



## Methodology



HE Higher Education Ranking is built upon a rigorous, data-driven methodology designed to enhance the operational effectiveness of higher education institutions worldwide. The ranking evaluates universities based on a set of carefully selected Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), each aligned with broader criteria that reflect the overall quality, performance, and impact of an institution. By employing a transparent and structured approach, the ranking provides universities with valuable insights into their strengths and areas for improvement, fostering

continuous institutional growth and excellence.

### The Mechanism for inclusion of higher education institutions to the ranking:

Each year, in November, higher education institutions are invited to participate in the ranking. Universities are given a specific timeframe to complete the comprehensive questionnaire, which collects detailed information on multiple dimensions of institutional performance. Once the submission period closes, the responses are analyzed, and the results are computed based on the assigned weight of each criterion. This ensures a balanced and fair assessment that considers both qualitative and quantitative indicators. Following the publication of the ranking results, each participating institution receives a personalized, detailed performance report. This report not only presents a breakdown of scores across all evaluated criteria and performance indicators but also includes tailored recommendations for strategic improvement. By leveraging these insights, universities can refine their policies, enhance their academic and research strategies, and take informed steps to elevate their global standing in subsequent ranking editions. The HE Higher Education Ranking is more than just an evaluative framework; it is a strategic tool for institutional advancement, ensuring that universities are equipped with the necessary data, feedback, and guidance to achieve sustainable growth and long-term excellence.

No.	Criteria	Value percentage
1	Research	9%
2	Internationalization	7%
3	Teaching	8%
4	Student Success, and Graduation	5%
5	Faculty & Staff	6%
6	Funding, Finance, and Grants	3%
7	Facilities & Resources, and management	3%
8	Social, and Cultural Impact of the University	4%
9	Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Networking	6%
10	Equity, equality, Diversity, and inclusion	4%
11	Foreign Language, and Linguistic Impact	4%
12	UN SDGs, and 2030 Agenda.	2%
13	Labor Market	4%
14	Recreation, support, and entertainment	3%
15	Information Technology, and computer equipment	3%
16	Lifelong learning	5%
17	Data Management	3%
18	Admissions & Enrollments	4%
19	Media	3%
20	Academic Freedom	2%
21	Support of distance learning	3%
22	Innovation and creativity	3%
23	Sustainability and management	2%
24	Academic Transparency	2%
25	Futuristic Concept of the University	2%



## Structure of the criteria and Main Branches

HE Higher Education Ranking adopts a **comprehensive and holistic approach** to ranking higher education universities, firmly committed to enhancing their overall performance across multiple dimensions.

### Branch 1: Research: (22%)

Research: 9%  
Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Networking: 6%  
Innovation and Creativity: 3%  
Sustainability and Management: 2%  
UN SDGs and 2030 Agenda: 2%

### Branch 2: Internationalization (21%)

Internationalization: 7%  
Faculty & Staff: 6%  
Academic Freedom: 2%  
Foreign Language and Linguistic Impact: 4%  
Academic Transparency: 2%

### Branch 3: Teaching (20%)

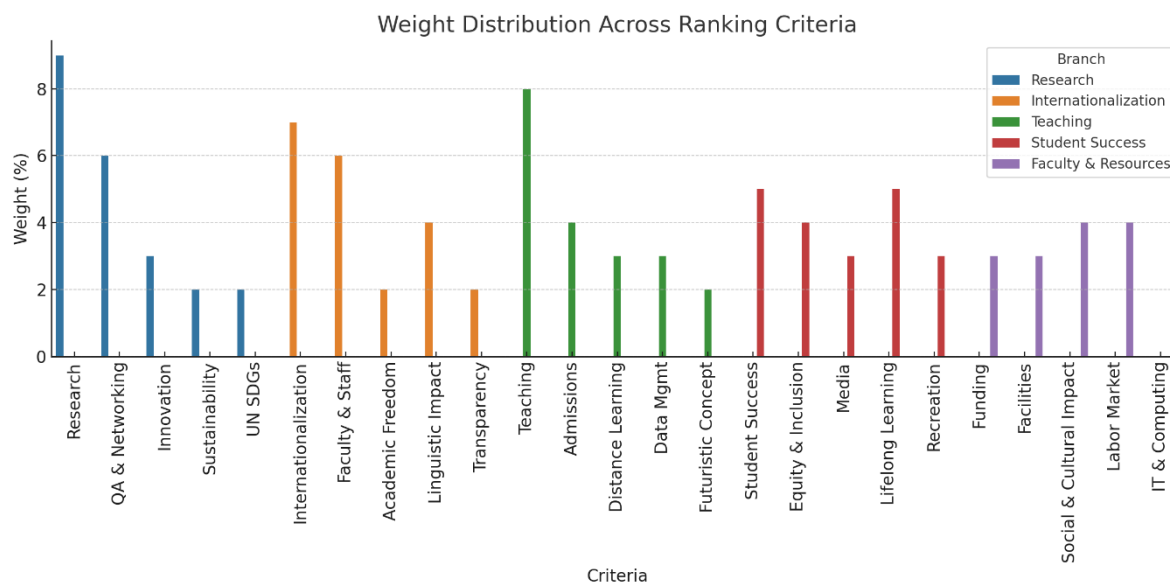
Teaching: 8%  
Admissions & Enrollments: 4%  
Support of Distance Learning: 3%  
Data Management: 3%  
Futuristic Concept of the University: 2%

### Branch 4: Student Success and Graduation (20%)

Student Success and Graduation: 5%  
Equity, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: 4%  
Media: 3%  
Lifelong Learning: 5%  
Recreation, Support, and Entertainment: 3%

### Branch 5: Faculty & Resources Management (17%)

Funding, Finance, and Grants: 3%  
Facilities & Resources and Management: 3%  
Social and Cultural Impact of the University: 4%  
Labor Market: 4%  
Information Technology and Computer Equipment: 3%

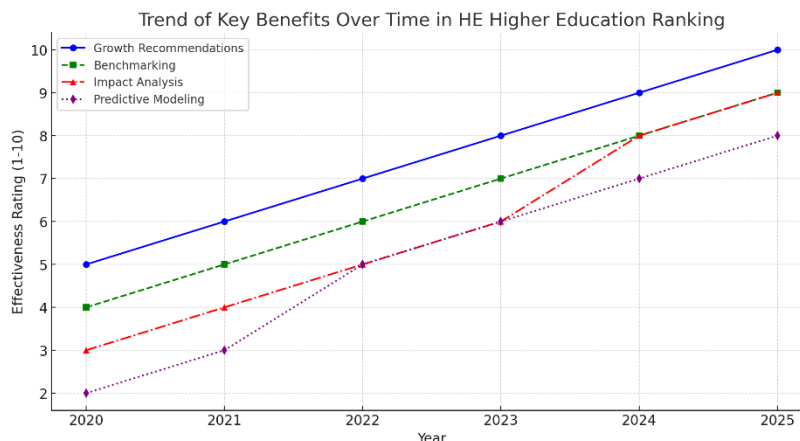


## Why Universities Should Join HE Higher Education Ranking?

Higher education rankings are essential for evaluating and enhancing universities' performance on a global scale. By participating in a HE Higher Education Ranking, institutions gain critical insights into their academic, research, and societal impact, leading to continuous development and strategic growth. Rankings provide universities with benchmarking tools to measure their competitiveness, governance, and overall contributions to education and society.

### The Importance of University Rankings:

1. **Performance Measurement:** HE Higher Education Ranking assesses universities annually using clear and specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), helping institutions improve in scientific, research, and social domains.
2. **Global Academic Competitiveness:** HE Higher Education Ranking provides a structured comparison of universities worldwide, helping institutions strengthen their international standing.
3. **Cultural and Social Impact:** It reflects the influence of universities on their local communities, highlighting community initiatives and global contributions.



4. **Equity and Inclusion:** HE Higher Education Ranking emphasizes the role of universities in promoting social justice, human rights, and equality, ensuring fairness regardless of race, gender, or background.

5. **Labor Market Influence:** It helps assess universities' contributions to workforce development, job creation, and graduate employability.
6. **Transparency and Academic Freedom:** HE Higher Education Ranking highlights institutions' commitment to transparency, governance, and academic independence.
7. **Social Sustainability:** It provides a measure of universities' sustainability efforts and social responsibility.
8. **Parental and Student Guidance:** HE Higher Education Ranking allows parents and students to compare institutions and make informed educational choices.
9. **Quality of Student Experience:** It offers insights into the facilities, resources, and student support services available at universities.

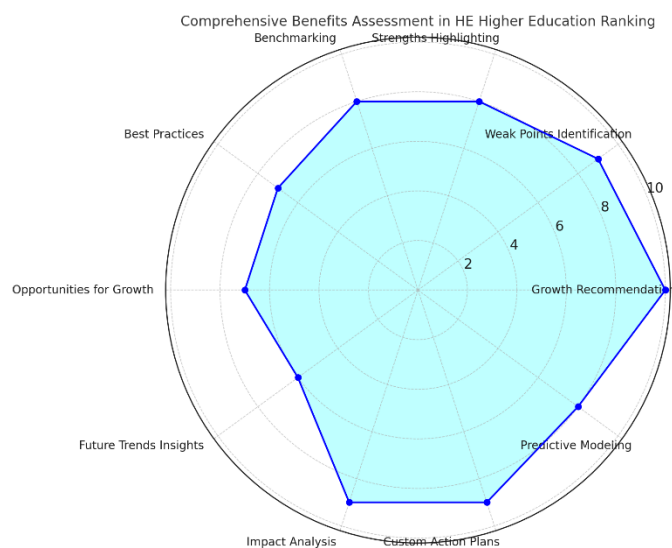


10. **Alignment with Global Standards:** HE Higher Education Ranking measures universities' compliance with international standards, such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
11. **Governance Evaluation:** Institutions can use HE Higher Education Ranking to assess and enhance their governance structures.
12. **Impact on Policy and Decision-Making:** Governments and policymakers use HE Higher Education Ranking data to gauge universities' local, regional, and global influence.
13. **Financial Oversight:** HE Higher Education Ranking helps funding agencies understand universities' financial governance, spending mechanisms, and scholarship distributions.
14. **Stakeholder Insights:** Universities' social, industrial, and regional roles can be better understood through HE Higher Education Ranking data.

### Comprehensive Benefits of Participation

By joining the HE Higher Education Ranking, universities receive a detailed institutional report that includes:

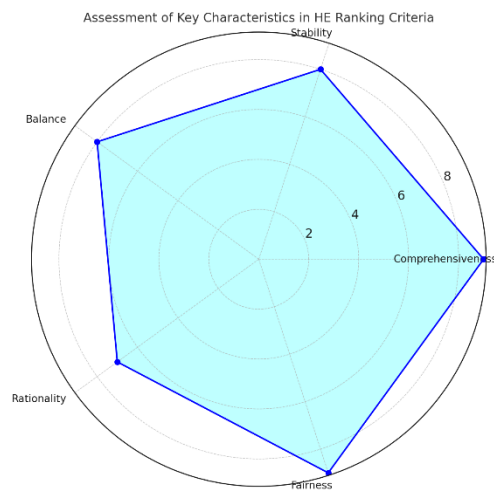
1. **Recommendations for Growth and Excellence:** Actionable strategies to enhance institutional performance.
2. **Identification of Weak Points:** Analysis of areas needing improvement.
3. **Highlighting Strengths:** Recognition of key areas of excellence.
4. **Comparative Benchmarking:** Insights on how the institution compares regionally, within the same discipline, and globally.
5. **Best Practices:** Strategies from top-performing institutions to inspire improvement.
6. **Opportunities for Growth:** Identification of untapped areas for development.
7. **Future Trends and Insights:** Foresight on trends that universities can leverage.
8. **Impact Analysis:** Overview of the university's contributions to society, industry, and the labor market.
9. **Custom Action Plans:** A roadmap for sustainable institutional growth.
10. **Predictive Modeling:** Data-driven insights for optimizing university operations and strategic planning.



## Characteristics of the Criteria and Performance Indicators in the Ranking:

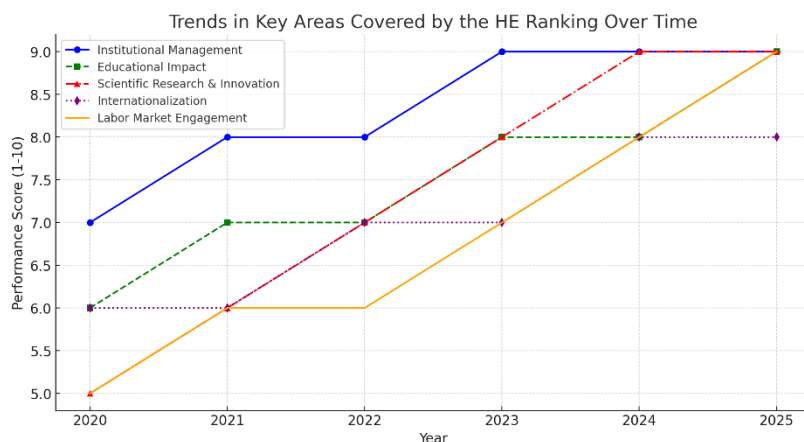
The ranking system is designed with a robust framework that ensures credibility, reliability, and fairness. The key attributes of its criteria and performance indicators include:

- 1- **Comprehensiveness** – The ranking covers all critical aspects of higher education, providing a holistic evaluation of institutions across academic, research, and societal dimensions.
- 2- **Stability** – The methodology is structured to ensure consistent and reliable results, minimizing anomalies or fluctuations in performance measurements.
- 3- **Balance** – Each criterion is carefully weighted to reflect a fair and realistic assessment, promoting meaningful and equitable improvements in higher education institutions.
- 4- **Rationality** – The standards are practical and attainable, ensuring institutions can work towards achieving them without unrealistic expectations.
- 5- **Fairness** – The ranking system is designed to be impartial and universally applicable, allowing institutions from diverse regions and backgrounds to participate under equitable conditions.



## General Areas Covered by the Ranking?

The ranking evaluates institutions based on their performance across multiple key domains, ensuring a comprehensive assessment of higher education excellence. These areas include:



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1. **Higher Education Institutional Management** – Governance, leadership, and operational effectiveness.
2. **Educational Impact** – Quality, accessibility,

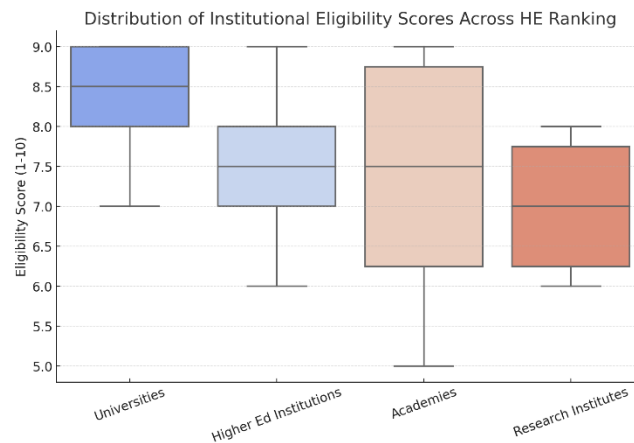
and outcomes of the teaching and learning process.

3. **Scientific Research & Innovation** – Research output, funding, citations, and innovation contributions.
4. **Internationalization** – Global partnerships, exchange programs, and international student engagement.
5. **University-Society & Labor Market Engagement** – Industry collaborations, employability rates, and community impact.

## What are the higher education institutions that are eligible to be included in the ranking?

The ranking is open to institutions that meet specific academic and research criteria. The following types of institutions are eligible for inclusion:

1. **Universities** – Public and private higher education institutions offering degree programs.
2. **Higher Education Institutions** – Colleges and institutions providing tertiary education.
3. **Academies & Research-Based Educational Institutions** – Institutions focused on advanced academic and research programs.
4. **Scientific Research Institutes** – Organizations dedicated to research and knowledge advancement in various fields.



## Institutions Not Eligible for Inclusion

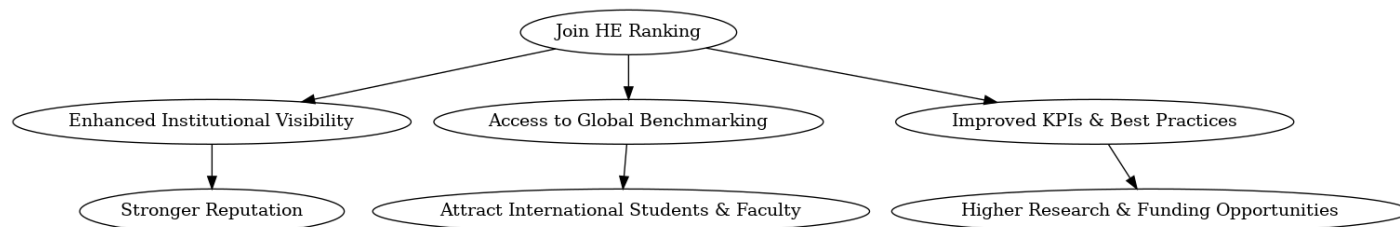
Certain institutions fall outside the scope of the ranking due to their focus areas and educational models. These include:

1. **Vocational Institutes** – Institutions primarily focused on technical and skills-based training.
2. **Training Centers** – Short-term training programs that do not provide higher education degrees.
3. **Technical Education Centers** – Centers specializing in technical and trade education rather than academic research.

4. **Pre-University Education Institutions** – Schools and institutions providing primary or secondary education rather than higher education.

## Key Notes About the Ranking:

- 1- **Free Access** – Participation in the ranking is completely free, ensuring equal opportunities for all higher education institutions (HEIs) worldwide.
- 2- **Continuous Improvement** – Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) may be refined and enhanced in future editions to reflect evolving trends and best practices in higher education.
- 3- **Institution-Level Comparison** – The ranking evaluates institutions holistically, providing a comprehensive analysis at the organizational level rather than focusing on individual programs or departments.
- 4- **Global Scope** – The ranking transcends geographical and continental boundaries, allowing institutions from diverse regions to participate and benchmark themselves on an international scale.
- 5- **Expert Oversight & Development** – A dedicated **Council of Experts** convenes regularly to ensure the ranking's integrity, originality, and ongoing evolution, adding strategic value to higher education institutions.



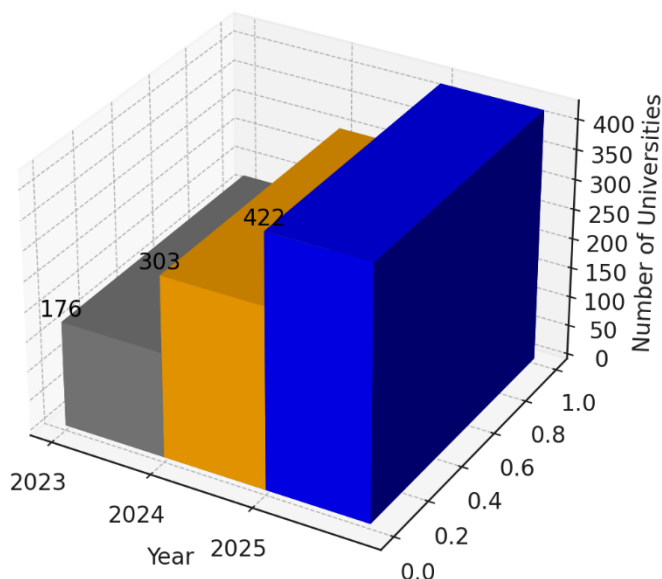
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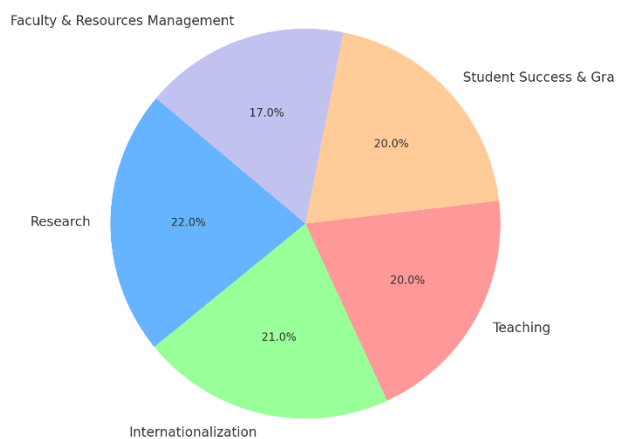
## Insights from Higher Education Ranking 2025 results:

HE Higher Education Ranking, 2025 Edition included 422 universities from over 55 countries.

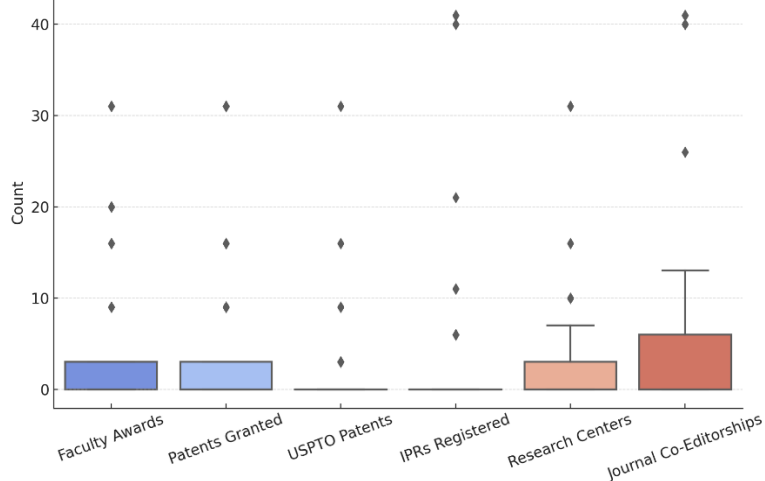
### 3D Growth of Participating Universities (2023-2025)



### HE Higher Education Ranking - Weight Distribution Across Main Branches



### Distribution of Research Output Across Universities





Overview of Performance

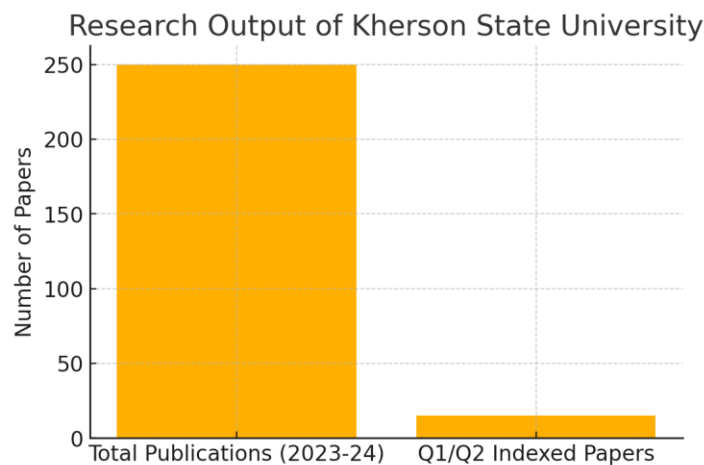
Overview of Performance – Kherson State University, Ukraine

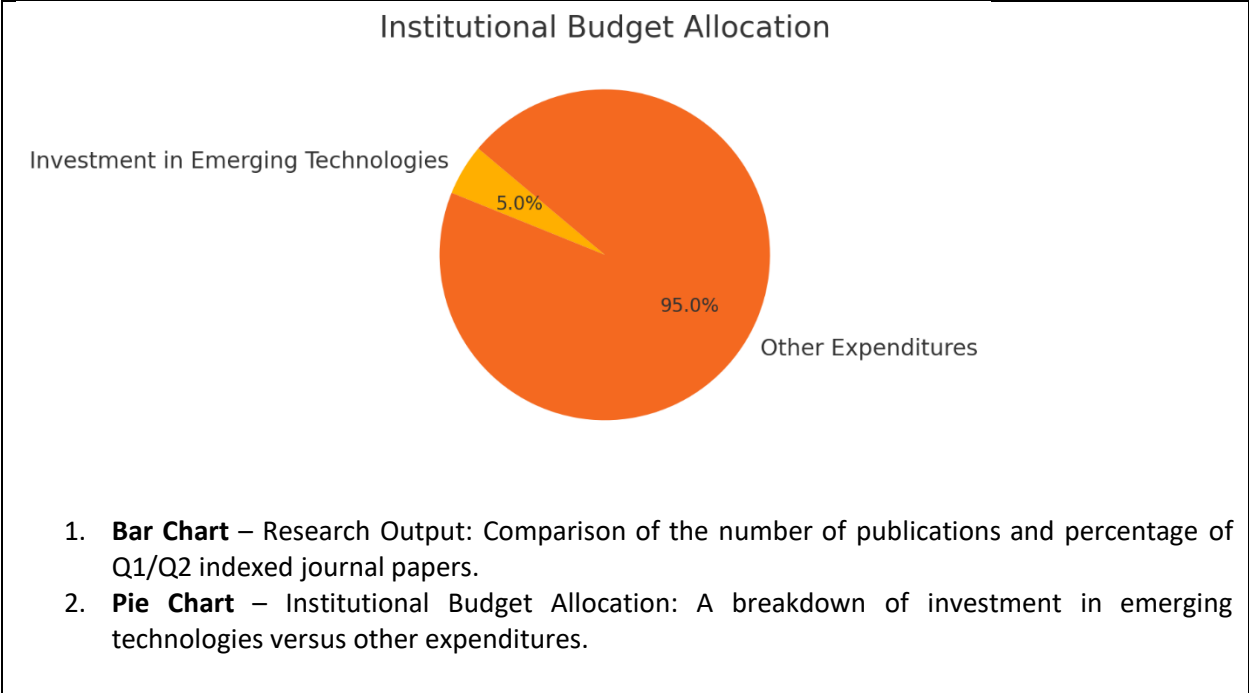
Kherson State University has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and institutional development across various key performance areas. The university's research output remains a significant strength, with a notable number of publications in peer-reviewed journals, including indexed databases such as Scopus and Web of Science. While the institution has published between 176 to 300 research papers in the 2023-2024 academic year, there is room for improvement in increasing its share of Q1/Q2 journal publications, which currently stands at 10%-20%. The university also maintains a commendable citation record, with its domain accumulating between 2,001 to 5,000 citations over the past five years.

Governance and transparency appear to be strong pillars of the university’s operations. The institution follows democratic governance practices, ensuring transparent decision-making. Additionally, financial disclosure is well-established, with annual updates made publicly accessible. Academic integrity is another well-regulated area, with a rigorous plagiarism prevention policy ensuring that more than 75% of submitted academic work is screened using automated tools. The university also maintains comprehensive policies to prevent political bias, radicalism, and discrimination in the classroom, reinforcing its commitment to an inclusive learning environment.

Future-oriented investments remain an area of potential growth. While the university has a structured five-year operational plan with defined milestones, its financial allocation toward emerging technologies such as AI, Metaverse, and other modern innovations remains limited to 0%-5% of the total budget. Expanding investments in these areas could enhance the institution’s competitiveness in the digital era. Additionally, the university has strong plans for recruiting graduates into faculty positions, reinforcing institutional continuity and academic development.

Visual Insights:





Recommendations for Growth and Excellence

**Recommendations for Growth and Excellence – Kherson State University**

To strengthen its position in the rankings and enhance institutional performance, Kherson State University should focus on key strategic improvements. One of the primary areas for growth is research impact. While the university has a solid foundation in academic publishing, increasing the proportion of research published in high-impact Q1 and Q2 journals would significantly elevate its scholarly influence. This can be achieved by incentivizing faculty members to collaborate on international research projects, securing more funding for high-quality research, and providing targeted training on publishing in top-tier journals. Expanding access to research grants and establishing dedicated mentorship programs for early-career researchers would also help boost research productivity.

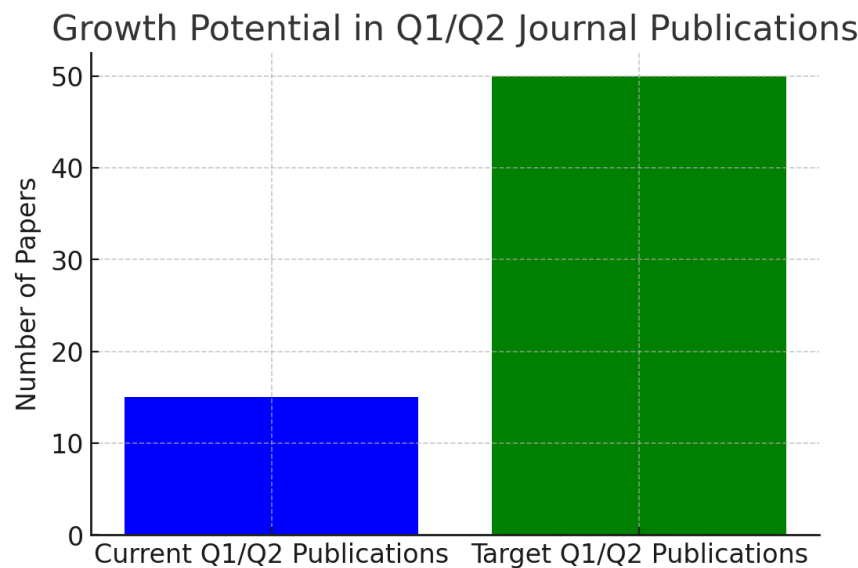
Another area requiring attention is the adoption of emerging technologies. With only a small fraction of the budget currently allocated to cutting-edge innovations, there is room for improvement in integrating artificial intelligence, virtual learning environments, and data-driven decision-making into the university’s ecosystem. Increasing investment in digital transformation initiatives, such as smart classrooms and AI-driven academic advising, would enhance both teaching effectiveness and student engagement. Furthermore, strengthening partnerships with technology firms and industry leaders could provide faculty and students with hands-on experience in emerging fields.

Faculty recruitment and retention are also critical factors for long-term excellence. Developing structured career progression pathways, offering competitive remuneration packages, and fostering a more research-intensive academic culture will help attract and retain top-tier talent. Additionally, enhancing institutional transparency through open-access research repositories and regular financial disclosures will reinforce trust and credibility, both nationally and internationally.

By addressing these areas, Kherson State University can significantly improve its global academic standing, attract top talent, and provide students with a more enriching learning experience.

**Visual Insights:**

- Bar Chart** – Growth potential in Q1/Q2 journal publications compared to current research output.
- Flowchart** – Strategic roadmap for increasing investment in emerging technologies.



Identification of Weak Points to Address

**Identification of Weak Points to Address – Kherson State University**

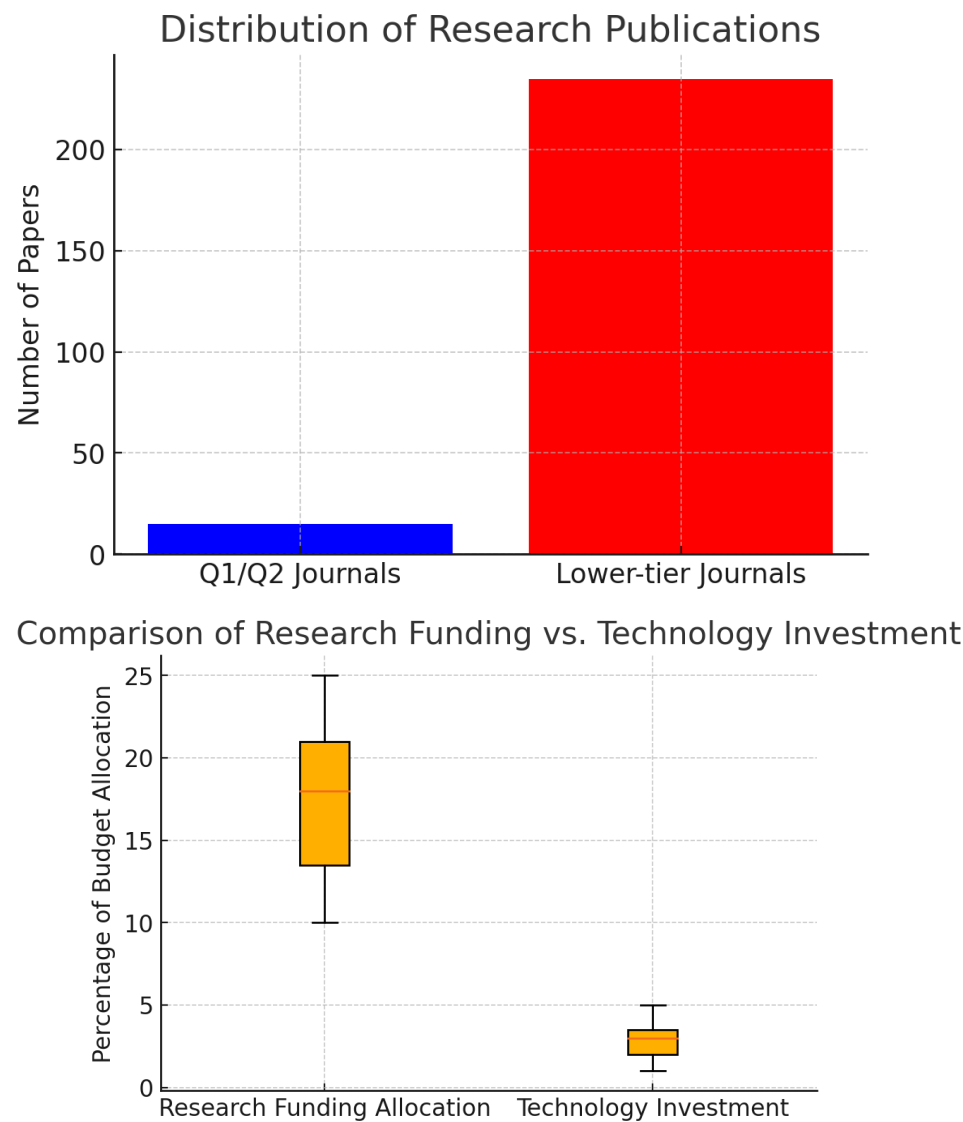
While Kherson State University has demonstrated strong academic engagement, there are specific areas that require attention to enhance its global competitiveness. One of the primary challenges is the relatively low proportion of research published in high-impact Q1 and Q2 journals. Despite a moderate research output, a significant portion of published work is in lower-ranked journals, which affects the university’s overall research reputation. Addressing this issue requires increased support for faculty in targeting top-tier publications through workshops, collaborative research initiatives, and incentives for high-quality research output.

Another area that needs improvement is technological integration. The university’s investment in modern educational technologies, including artificial intelligence, metaverse-based learning, and smart classrooms, remains minimal. With a budget allocation of only 0%-5% toward emerging technologies, there is a risk of falling behind institutions that are rapidly adopting digital innovations. A structured plan to integrate AI-driven research tools, virtual learning environments, and tech-driven student engagement methods would help bridge this gap.

Additionally, faculty development and retention pose challenges. While the university has a structured recruitment process, providing competitive salary packages and career progression opportunities remains an area for growth. Strengthening professional development programs, offering more research grants, and establishing clear tenure pathways would help attract and retain top academic talent.

By addressing these weaknesses, Kherson State University can improve its research standing, technological readiness, and faculty retention, creating a stronger foundation for long-term institutional success.

Visual Insights:



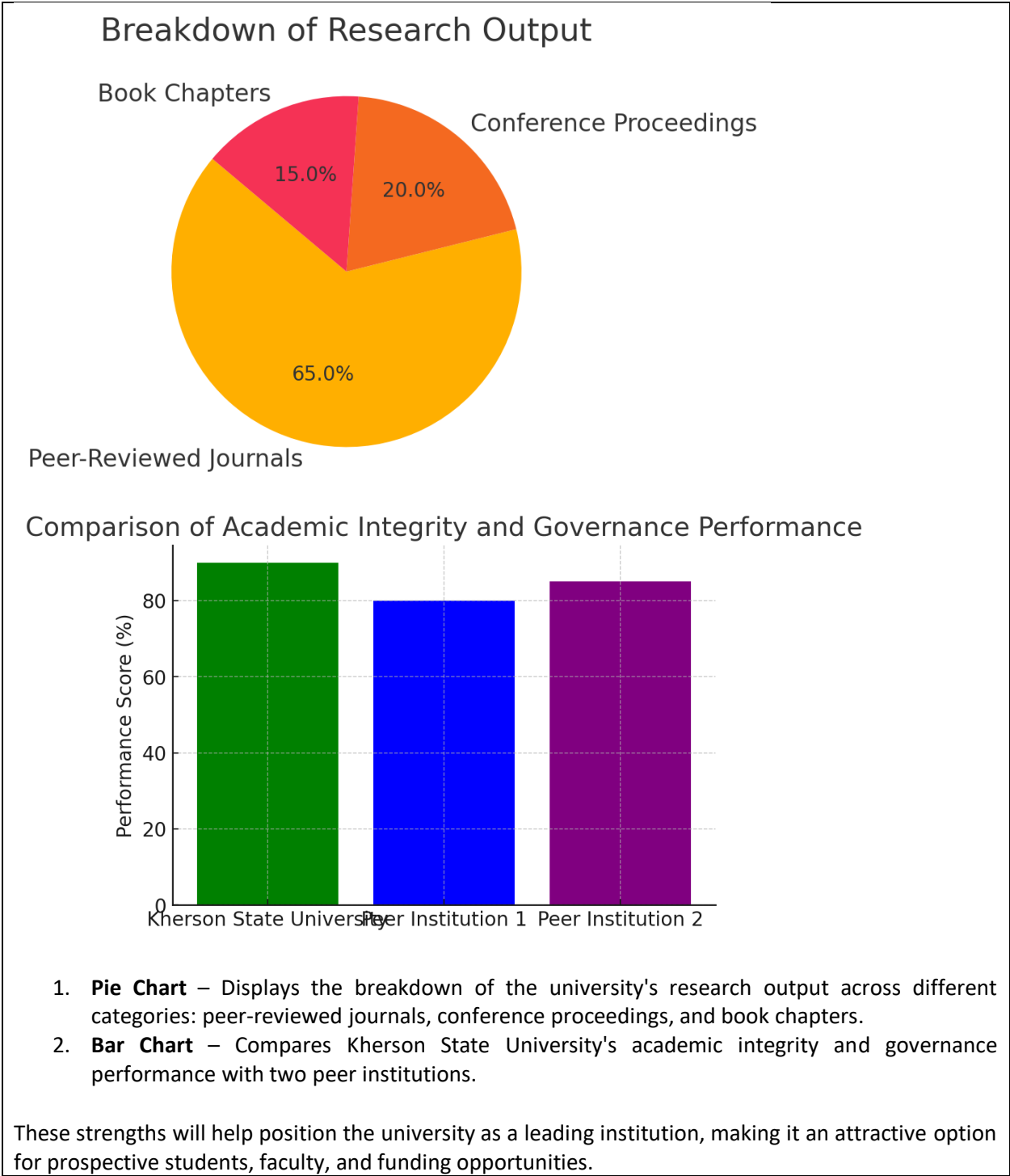
- Histogram** – Comparison of Q1/Q2 journal publications versus lower-tier journal publications.
- Box Plot** – Distribution of research funding allocation compared to technological investment.

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Highlights of Strong Points to Celebrate

<p><b>Highlights of Strong Points to Celebrate – Kherson State University</b></p> <p>Kherson State University has several noteworthy strengths that contribute to its growing reputation. One of the university's standout features is its strong research output. Despite challenges in publishing in higher-tier journals, the university consistently produces a substantial number of peer-reviewed academic papers. With over 300 publications in the 2023-2024 academic year, the university demonstrates a commitment to research excellence. This robust output plays a critical role in enhancing the university's visibility in the global academic community, providing a foundation for further growth in high-impact journals.</p> <p>Another notable strength is the university's governance and transparency. The institution follows democratic and inclusive governance practices, ensuring that decision-making processes are transparent and in the best interest of all stakeholders. This inclusive approach helps build trust with faculty, students, and the community, which in turn fosters a culture of collaboration and mutual respect. Furthermore, the university maintains financial transparency by regularly disclosing budgetary information and utilizing these funds to support its core academic and research objectives.</p> <p>Additionally, the university's commitment to academic integrity and inclusion in the classroom is commendable. The university's comprehensive policies to prevent political bias, radicalism, and racism contribute to creating a safe, inclusive, and non-partisan learning environment. This commitment to a positive academic atmosphere enhances the student experience, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background, feel respected and valued.</p> <p>These strengths—research output, governance, and academic integrity—are foundational pillars for Kherson State University, which can leverage them to enhance its reputation, attract talented students and faculty, and secure future funding.</p> <p><b>Visual Insights:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pie Chart</b> – Breakdown of research output in different categories (peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, etc.).</li> <li><b>Bar Chart</b> – Comparison of academic integrity and governance performance with peer institutions.</li> </ol> <p>Here are the visual insights for the highlights of Kherson State University's strengths:</p>
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Multi-Year Improvement Plans

Multi-Year Improvement Plans – Kherson State University

To foster sustained growth and improvement, Kherson State University should adopt a structured, multi-year improvement plan that targets key areas for development. In the short term (1-2 years), the



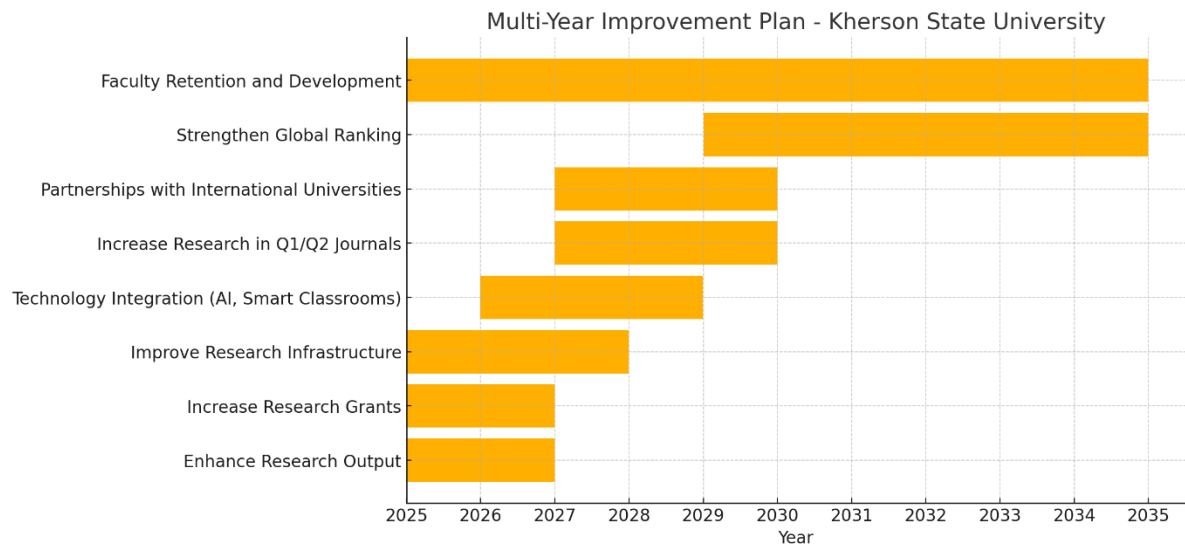
university should focus on enhancing research output and publication quality. This can be achieved by increasing the number of research grants available, providing faculty with training on publishing in high-impact journals, and encouraging international collaborations. The university should also invest in improving research infrastructure by updating libraries, access to academic databases, and supporting emerging fields like AI and data science.

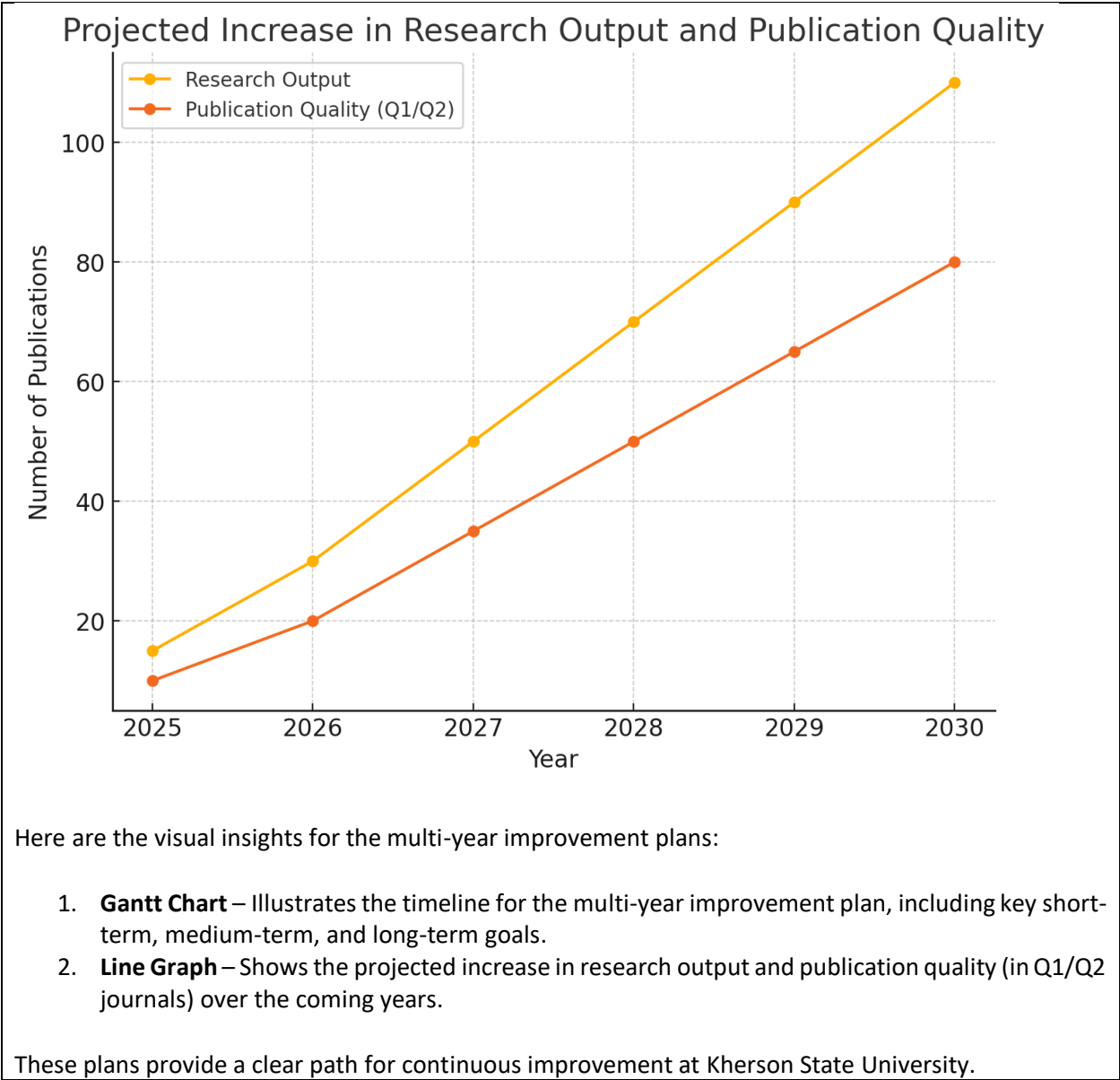
In the medium term (3-5 years), the university should prioritize technological integration into its academic environment. This includes expanding the use of AI-driven learning platforms, smart classrooms, and virtual learning environments. A significant portion of the university's budget should be allocated to these technologies to improve the overall learning experience and research capabilities. By the end of this period, the university should aim to increase its research publications in Q1/Q2 journals by at least 20%. Moreover, the university could look into partnerships with international universities to bolster its technological and research capabilities.

Long-term goals (5-10 years) should center on establishing Kherson State University as a regional leader in research and technology. The university should aim for a significant increase in its global ranking by focusing on innovation and interdisciplinary research projects that address global challenges. Strengthening alumni relations, expanding graduate programs, and securing major endowments for research and technology will ensure long-term sustainability and prestige. Additionally, faculty retention and development should remain a priority to support these aspirations.

Visual Insights:

- Gantt Chart** – A timeline of the multi-year improvement plan, detailing the short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals.
- Line Graph** – Projected increase in research output and publication quality over the years.





Predictive Modeling

**Predictive Modeling – Kherson State University**

Predictive modeling offers valuable insights into how targeted strategies can improve Kherson State University’s performance over the next 3-5 years. By focusing on key areas such as research funding, student support services, and technological advancements, the university can significantly enhance its global ranking and academic reputation.

One of the most impactful areas for improvement is research funding. If the university increases its research budget by 10%-15% annually, the expected outcome would be a corresponding increase in both the quantity and quality of publications, particularly in high-impact Q1/Q2 journals. Over the next

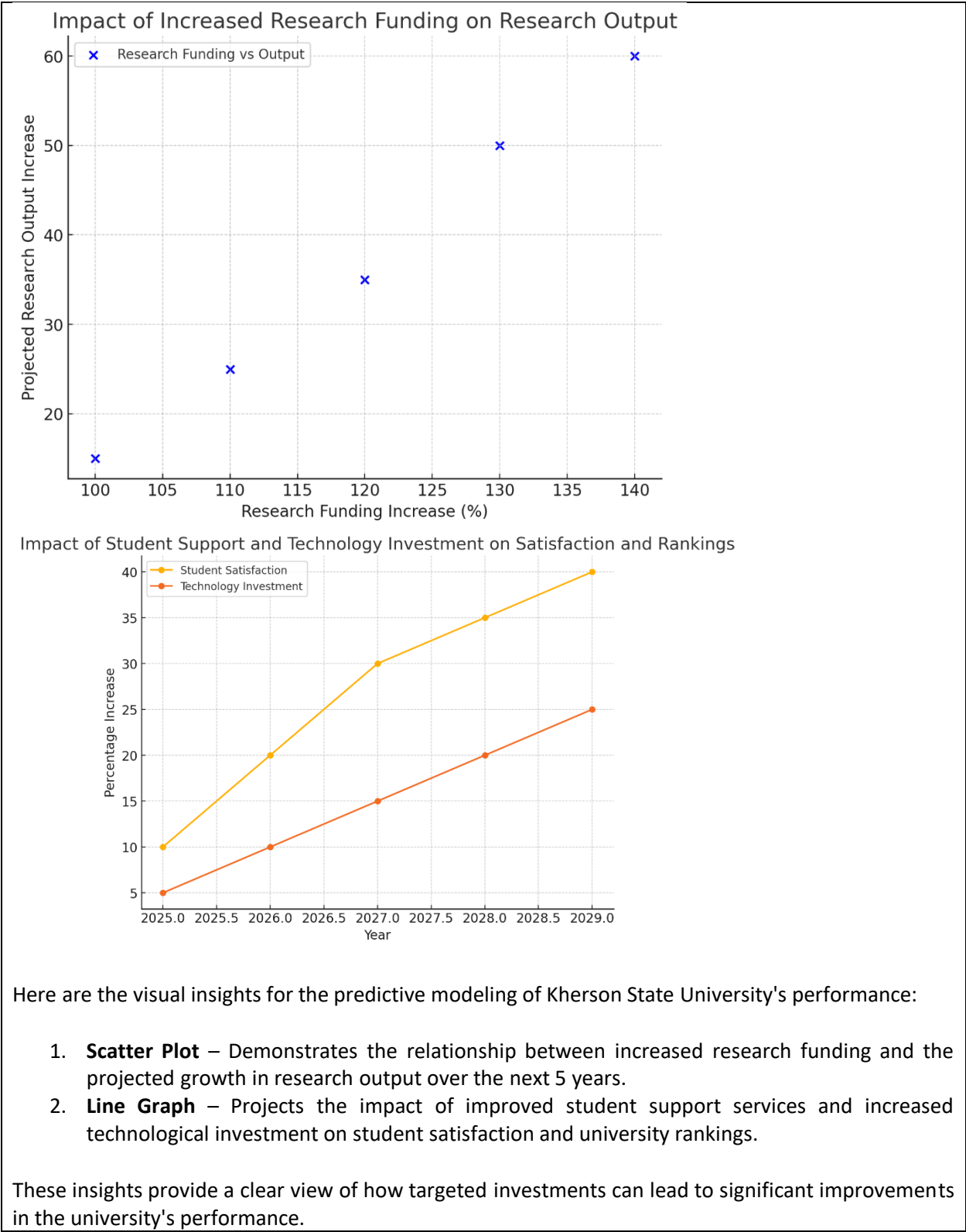
five years, such an investment could result in a 30%-40% increase in research output, improving the university's standing in global rankings. This would also foster international collaborations, enhance faculty expertise, and attract additional research grants.

In parallel, improving student support services, including academic counseling, career guidance, and mental health resources, can positively impact student retention and satisfaction. A focused investment in these services could improve graduation rates and student engagement. Predictive modeling suggests that enhancing these areas could lead to a 10%-20% increase in student satisfaction, resulting in higher rankings in the student experience category.

Technological integration, such as the expansion of AI-driven learning platforms and smart classrooms, will enhance both teaching effectiveness and student engagement. A 5%-10% annual increase in technological investment could place the university among the leaders in digital education, attracting tech-savvy students and faculty. The anticipated outcome would be higher enrollment rates, improved academic performance, and a stronger institutional reputation.

**Visual Insights:**

1. **Scatter Plot** – Shows the relationship between increased research funding and projected research output over the next 5 years.
2. **Line Graph** – Projects the impact of improved student support services and technological investment on student satisfaction and university rankings.



Scenario Planning

Scenario Planning – Kherson State University

Scenario planning offers Kherson State University an opportunity to simulate various strategies and predict the potential impact of different decisions on its future performance. By considering multiple scenarios, the university can better anticipate the effects of various strategies and make informed decisions that enhance its competitive advantage.

One potential scenario is increasing international student enrollment. If the university invests in targeted marketing, strengthens international partnerships, and improves campus facilities for foreign students, it could significantly boost its global rankings and overall reputation. This scenario predicts a 15%-25% increase in international student enrollment over the next 3-5 years. With this increase, the university could see a corresponding improvement in financial stability, as international students often pay higher tuition fees. Furthermore, internationalization would enhance the university's cultural diversity, fostering an environment that attracts top global talent and creates new opportunities for research collaborations.

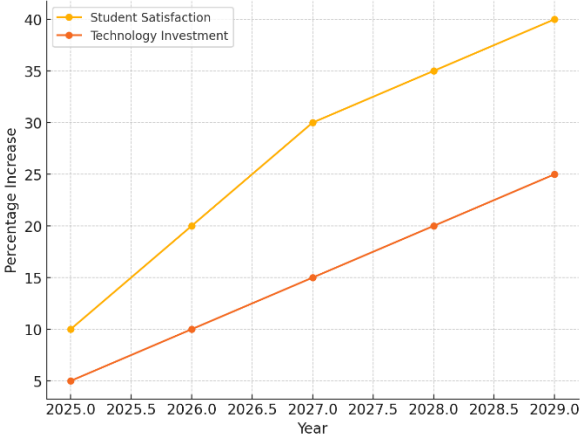
Another scenario to consider is investing in new research centers. By focusing on emerging fields such as AI, renewable energy, and data science, the university could attract funding from government agencies, private sector partners, and philanthropic donors. A successful implementation of this strategy could lead to an increase in research output and funding by 20%-30%, strengthening the university's position in global rankings and enhancing its ability to offer cutting-edge education. Additionally, the development of these centers would foster a collaborative research environment, attracting top-tier faculty and positioning the university as a leader in innovation.

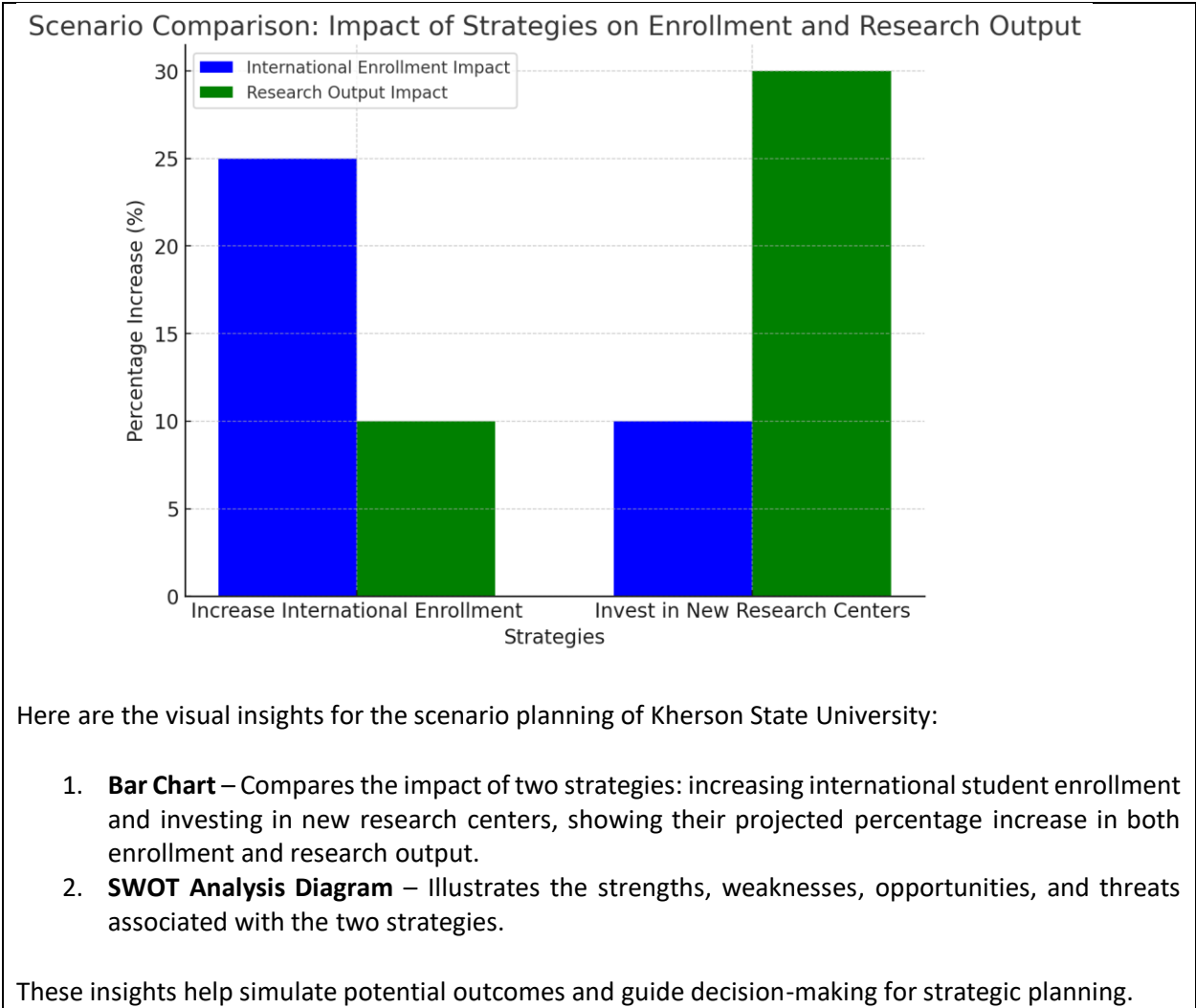
By simulating these strategies, Kherson State University can better understand the potential outcomes of each approach and prioritize investments that align with its long-term vision.

Visual Insights:

- 1. **Scenario Comparison Bar Chart** – Displays projected changes in international student enrollment and research output based on different strategies.
- 2. **SWOT Analysis Diagram** – Highlights the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of increasing international enrollment versus investing in research centers.

Impact of Student Support and Technology Investment on Satisfaction and Rankings





White paper

White Paper: Enhancing the Future of Kherson State University

Comprehensive Analysis

Kherson State University, situated in Ukraine, has a rich history of academic achievement and contributions to regional development. However, as the landscape of higher education continues to evolve, it is crucial for the university to evaluate its strengths and weaknesses across key domains such as research, teaching, faculty development, internationalization, and infrastructure. By conducting a comprehensive analysis of these aspects, the university can develop a strategic plan that ensures sustained growth and improved global competitiveness.

Research plays a pivotal role in the academic standing of any institution. Kherson State University has made significant strides in research, evidenced by its increasing number of publications and its growing citation count. However, despite these successes, a considerable portion of its research output remains confined to lower-tier journals. To enhance its global reputation, the university must focus on



increasing its presence in high-impact journals, specifically targeting Q1 and Q2 publications. This would not only improve the university's ranking but also elevate the quality of its research and attract funding from both government and private sectors. The establishment of specialized research centers in emerging fields such as artificial intelligence (AI), renewable energy, and data science can facilitate a shift towards cutting-edge research that attracts international attention.

In terms of teaching, Kherson State University boasts a diverse curriculum, yet there are opportunities for improvement in adopting modern pedagogical methods and integrating technology into the learning experience. While traditional lecture-based teaching is still prevalent, the university must embrace more interactive and technology-driven methods that cater to a generation of students who are accustomed to digital environments. The integration of AI-driven learning platforms, smart classrooms, and virtual learning environments can enrich the teaching process and provide students with more personalized and engaging learning experiences.

The faculty is another cornerstone of the university's academic strength. Kherson State University is home to dedicated and skilled educators, but there is a clear need for professional development programs that focus on research training, teaching innovations, and international collaboration. By investing in continuous professional development, the university can ensure that its faculty members remain at the forefront of academic trends and are equipped with the necessary tools to support their students. Furthermore, attracting top-tier international faculty through competitive salary packages and research funding opportunities will improve the overall quality of teaching and research at the university.

Internationalization is an area where Kherson State University has made some progress but needs to intensify its efforts. The global higher education market is increasingly competitive, and attracting international students is crucial for both financial stability and academic diversity. By increasing international student enrollment and forging partnerships with universities around the world, Kherson State University can improve its global ranking and enhance its reputation. These partnerships can also facilitate joint research initiatives, student exchange programs, and collaborative teaching, which will further the university's international outreach.

Finally, infrastructure plays a crucial role in shaping the student experience and supporting the university's academic and research goals. Kherson State University has invested in modernizing its facilities, but there is still significant room for improvement. The university must continue to upgrade its infrastructure, ensuring that classrooms, laboratories, and research facilities are equipped with the latest technology. Furthermore, creating a more sustainable campus through energy-efficient buildings and green initiatives will not only contribute to the university's environmental goals but also attract students and faculty who are increasingly concerned with sustainability.

### **Balanced Methodology**

When assessing the performance of universities, it is important to recognize the limitations of ranking systems. While rankings are often seen as an indicator of an institution's success, they can sometimes fail to capture the full picture. Rankings typically rely on quantitative measures such as research output, teaching quality, and financial resources. However, they do not always consider the qualitative aspects

of an institution, such as the quality of student engagement, faculty-student relationships, and the broader impact the university has on its community.

For Kherson State University, a balanced methodology is necessary to evaluate its true performance. This methodology should combine both qualitative and quantitative measures to gain a comprehensive understanding of the institution's strengths and weaknesses. Quantitative data, such as the number of publications, citation counts, and student graduation rates, provide valuable insights into the university's performance. However, qualitative measures, such as student satisfaction surveys, faculty feedback, and alumni success stories, offer a deeper understanding of the student experience and institutional culture.

Incorporating both types of data will allow Kherson State University to identify areas for improvement that may not be immediately evident through traditional ranking methods. For example, a strong research output may not necessarily translate into high-quality education if teaching methods are outdated or if students lack access to cutting-edge technology. By adopting a more holistic approach, the university can ensure that improvements are made in all areas of its operation, resulting in a stronger, more sustainable institution in the long term.

### **Actionable Recommendations**

Based on the comprehensive analysis and balanced methodology, Kherson State University can implement a number of actionable strategies to enhance its global standing and ensure long-term success. These recommendations are grounded in global best practices in higher education and are designed to address the university's key areas of weakness while building on its strengths.

First and foremost, the university should prioritize increasing its research funding. By dedicating a larger portion of its budget to research and establishing more research centers focused on emerging fields, Kherson State University can drive innovation and attract more international attention. Increased funding will also provide faculty members with the resources needed to conduct high-quality research and collaborate with global experts. In addition, offering competitive research grants and fostering partnerships with industry leaders will enhance the university's reputation as a research-driven institution.

In terms of teaching, the university must adopt more modern, interactive, and technology-driven methods. Integrating AI, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) into the classroom will allow students to engage with content in more dynamic and immersive ways. Furthermore, expanding online learning programs and offering flexible learning options will enable the university to reach a broader, global audience. Faculty members should be encouraged to explore innovative teaching methods and be provided with professional development opportunities to stay up to date with emerging educational technologies.

Internationalization should be a key focus for Kherson State University in the coming years. To increase international student enrollment, the university should launch targeted marketing campaigns in key regions and build partnerships with universities around the world. Offering scholarships, student exchange programs, and opportunities for dual-degree programs will attract top international students and enhance the university's global reputation. Furthermore, facilitating international research

collaborations will contribute to the university's standing in global rankings and strengthen its academic profile.

Finally, infrastructure upgrades should continue to be a priority. Investing in state-of-the-art research labs, smart classrooms, and sustainable campus initiatives will improve the student experience and attract top-tier faculty and researchers. Creating a campus environment that fosters creativity, collaboration, and sustainability will set the university apart from its competitors and create a more attractive destination for prospective students and faculty.

### **Strategic Future Outlook**

As Kherson State University looks to the future, it is clear that innovation, sustainability, and global collaboration will play critical roles in shaping its success. In an era where higher education is rapidly evolving, universities must adapt to new technologies, changing student needs, and the demands of a globalized world.

Innovation will be central to the university's future success. By focusing on emerging technologies such as AI, VR, and data science, Kherson State University can position itself as a leader in cutting-edge research and education. The university must continue to invest in digital infrastructure and explore new ways to deliver education through online platforms, hybrid models, and virtual classrooms. This will not only help the university meet the needs of an increasingly tech-savvy student body but will also allow it to expand its reach to global markets.

Sustainability is another area where the university can make significant strides. As environmental concerns continue to rise, universities worldwide are focusing on sustainability initiatives. Kherson State University can reduce its carbon footprint by investing in energy-efficient infrastructure, sustainable campus practices, and green technologies. These efforts will not only contribute to the university's environmental goals but also align with the growing demand for sustainability in higher education.

Global collaboration is perhaps the most important factor for the university's future success. By forging stronger ties with international institutions, both for research and teaching, Kherson State University can expand its global presence and enhance its academic profile. International partnerships will create opportunities for student exchanges, joint research initiatives, and faculty collaborations, all of which will enhance the university's reputation and global standing.

### **Holistic Approach**

While rankings provide some insight into an institution's performance, they should not be the sole focus of an academic institution. A university's long-term sustainability and growth depend on much more than its place in the rankings. Kherson State University must focus on holistic development that includes not only improving rankings but also enhancing the student experience, faculty development, and institutional resilience. By prioritizing these areas and aligning with global trends in higher education, the university can achieve sustainable growth, foster innovation, and build a globally competitive academic institution that will continue to thrive for years to come.

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