The unique database providing authoritative information on higher education systems, credentials and institutions worldwide.
The World Higher Education Database (WHED) is the International Association of Universities' (IAU) unique online reference portal that provides authoritative information on some 19,400 higher education institutions from 196 countries and territories listed. The WHED has evolved constantly to meet the needs of the global higher education community. It contains comprehensive and detailed information on higher education systems and credentials and all accredited higher education institutions from around the world. It is globally recognized as an official source of information. IAU has been collecting this data since its foundation in 1950. The WHED team collects, processes, validates and publishes higher education data on the portal on a continuous basis. It is a collaborative project with UNESCO and includes the following information:

**INSTITUTIONS**

**Basic Info**
Name in English & native language, country

**In-depth info**
History, source of funding, fields of study, divisions and degrees offered, accrediting body, admission requirements, key figures

**Key Contacts**
Name and phone number of the head of institution, administrative and international relations officers

**SYSTEMS & CREDENTIALS**

- National higher education structure
- Quality assurance systems
- Governing bodies
- Credentials and admission criteria

**AND NOW!**

The Global WHED ID: a unique identifier for each HEI in the world!

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**FROM WHERE?**

The WHED obtains its information from national higher education authorities, governmental agencies and national academic bodies.

**WHY?**

- To provide reliable information and accurate lists of accredited institutions, globally
- To ensure transparency of higher education on a global scale
- To offer detailed information on national higher education systems
- To facilitate communication within the global higher education community
- To address the needs of Higher Education stakeholders seeking to identify accredited HE institutions
- To increase access, speed and the reliability of information
- To provide better overall administrative certainty
- To combat fraud in higher education

**FOR WHOM?**

- Internationalization and Admissions offices at HEIs
- Governmental agencies and national authorities
- Higher education grant-awarding authorities
- Quality assurance agencies
- International organisations
- Researchers
- Human resources in the private sector

**HOW?**

- **SEARCH**
  Find the information you need through in-depth search functions
- **EXPLORE**
  Research and analyse the higher education landscape
- **EXTRACT**
  Obtain customized data sets
- **ADVERTISE**
  Increase your visibility as an IAU Member
The International Association of Universities (IAU)

IAU is a membership-led organisation with the purpose of advancing higher education and its important role in the development of our society. Founded in 1950 under the auspices of UNESCO, it is the leading global association of higher education institutions and organisations around the world, comprising more than 650 Members in some 130 countries. IAU serves as a global forum for leaders in higher education to reflect and rally around common priorities. It acts as the voice of higher education to UNESCO and other international higher education organizations. The Association caters to its Members but extends its services to other stakeholders in the field of higher education, by offering various services such as networking events, research, trainings and advisory services.

IAU is an independent, non-governmental organization and official partner of UNESCO (Associate Status) and has consultative status at the UN Economic and Social Council.