## Scientific research output in EU and US pharmacy departments

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# How to evaluate pharmacy departments?

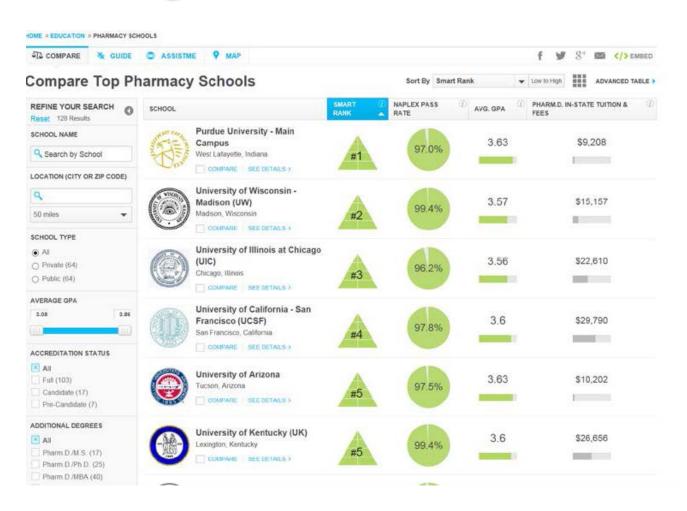
- Grant support
- Number of students passing registration examination
- Results of satisfaction polls

# Ranking of US colleges of pharmacy by grant support.

#### NIH funding 2010

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Rank	Institution	Total NIH Awards
ı	University of California-San Francisco	\$30 304 336
2	University of Southern California	\$20 044 604
3	University of Utah	\$19 282 947
4	University of Kansas	\$18 492 452
5	University of Mississippi	\$18 391 751
6	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	\$16 160 852
7	University of California-San Diego	\$14 667 487
8	University of Illinois at Chicago	\$14 345 966
9	University of Arizona	\$13 542 173
10	University of Washington	\$11 284 155

#### Ranking of US colleges of pharmacy by success at registration examination.



# Ranking of UK colleges of pharmacy by satisfaction polls.

#### University guide 2014: league table for pharmacy and pharmacology

The study of medicinal drugs and effects on the body (pharmacology) and management and dispensing of medicines (pharmacy)

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More about this subject and a key to the headings

Rating	Name of institution	Guardian score /100	Satisfied with course (%)	Satisfied with teaching (%)	Satisfied with feedback (%)	Student staff ratio	Spend per student (FTE)	Average entry tariff	Value- added score /10	Caree after 6 mths
1	Cardiff	100	96	96	71	15.5	10	455	6	99
2	Queen's, Belfast	98.9	99	99	93	18.7	5	433	6	99
3	UEA	92.7	95	97	74	14.6	5	442	4	98
4	Manchester	90.3	86	89	65	13.2	10	463	4	94
5	Nottingham	88.9	91	88	60	13.6	8	470	5	97
6	Robert Gordon	88.7	99	95	70	16.5	3	450	8	100
7	Aston	87.3	94	93	74	17.1	5	459	6	99
8	Kent	83.1	94	94	58	21.8	7	365	10	100
9	Dundee	83	97	92	64	4.8	2	403	-	
10	UCL	82.5	85	85	55	15.9	9	489	3	94
11	Bath	82	96	96	71	16	5	450	4	93
12	Greenwich	81.9	97	93	84	25.8	6	339	9	100
13	Hertfordshire	81.6	92	89	72	11.5	3	346	8	98

# Evaluation of EU colleges of pharmacy?

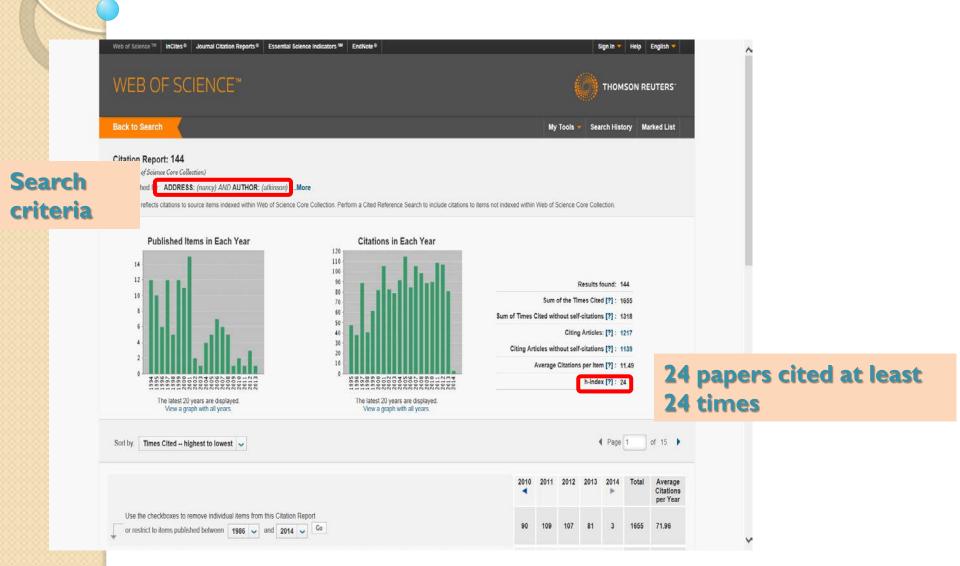
Difficult to obtain reliable **EU** data on:

- grant support
- number of registered pharmacists
- satisfaction polls

An alternative: the bibliometric approach via the Hirsch or "h" index:

"the number of papers with a citation number >h"

## "h" index usually applied to individuals, e.g. J. Atkinson, Nancy.



## Bibliometric evaluation of EU colleges of pharmacy: methodology.

27-2 EU faculties in PHARMINE

Search criteria:

address = "pharmacy" + "name of city"

#### Method 1:Top 2 authors / co-authors

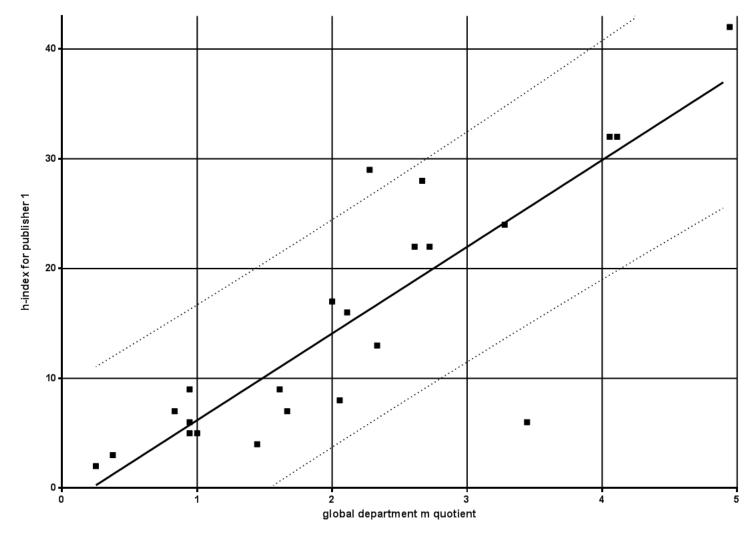
Number articles and citations
"h" and "m" (="h"/number of years)

Check that all papers have same author /
co-author and address

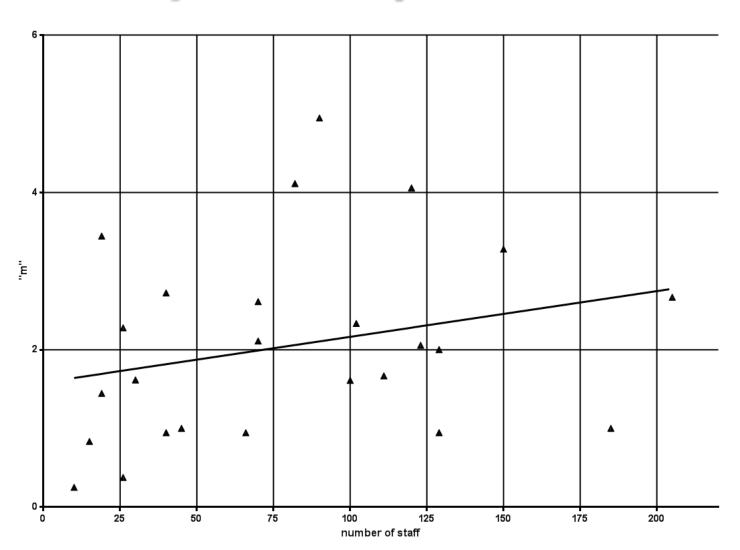
#### Method 2: Global score for department

Number articles and citations
"h" and "m" (=h/number of years)
Check that all papers have same pharmacy
department address

## Departments with highest global "m" have top researchers.



## Largest departments do not necessarily have top researchers.



## Bibliometric evaluation of EU and US colleges of pharmacy staff.

**Table 3.** Comparison of data with that of pharmacy staff members in the USA.

	USA		EU		
Reference	3	2	This work	This work	
	Professor at a research-intensive pharmacy department	Pharmacy practice chairs	1st publisher	2nd publisher	
Articles published / year	3.2/2.0	1.4/0.8	4.0/3.5	3.2/2.0	
Citations / year	49/13	Not available	69/18	47/16	
Citations / article	7.1/4.2	7.9/6.7	13/10	3.3/0.3	
m-quotient	2.5/2.0	0.36/0.30	1.0/0.6	0.9/0.6	

Data are given as mean/median. In reference 2 the period of analysis was 1965-2008; in reference 3 the period was 2005-2009.

#### Caveats.

- 20/25 departments: 1994-2012 (5 new departments with shorter period)
- Staff members can change name, department, affiliation...
- Citations per journal not the same e.g. "pharmacology" more cited than "chemistry"

#### Conclusions.

- Bibliometrics can be applied to departments as well as to individuals
- Publications in EU and US of similar value
- Use bibliometric tool in PHAR-QA/EAFP
   QA consultancy agency
- EAFP to publish a <u>ranking of EU</u> departments?

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