



## Media Release

### **Singapore Management University School of Accountancy ranked first in the world in citation rankings for the third year running by BYU Accounting Research Rankings (2022)**

*Singapore Management University (SMU) also takes top spot worldwide in three categories for the second consecutive year - Citation Rankings, Archival Research (All Topics) and Archival Research (Financial Accounting)*

SMU School of Accountancy has scored in these categories:

- 1<sup>st</sup> in the world for Citation Rankings
- 1<sup>st</sup> in the world for Archival Research (All Topics)
- 1<sup>st</sup> in the world for Archival Research (Financial Accounting)
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Asia and 6<sup>th</sup> in the world for All Areas and All Discipline Research

**Singapore, 3 March (Friday)** – Singapore Management University’s School of Accountancy (SoA) has again achieved excellent ratings according to the latest Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings 2022 (released in February 2023). For the second consecutive year, the School is ranked first in the world for *Citation Rankings, Archival Research (All Topics) and Archival Research (Financial Accounting)*. In addition, it is also first in Asia for *All Areas and All Discipline Research* and climbed up one spot to sixth in the world this year.

The rankings place the School of Accountancy in the league of top universities in the world, and ahead of University of Toronto, University of California and Cornell University.

Acclaimed as an objective and key ranking to watch for in accounting research, the BYU Accounting Research Rankings are based on [award winning research](#) and on classifications of peer reviewed articles in 12 accounting journals since 1990, which in turn determines university ranking based on authors’ affiliation. Researchers at BYU measure the intellectual contribution of accounting faculty members at all institutions in the world. They go through publications in the top peer-reviewed accounting journals and rank departments or schools in the recent years based on the number of publications.

A high ranking signals that SMU has the highest research productivity in the top peer-reviewed journals as compared to other peer schools worldwide, particularly in the fields that SMU’s SoA emphasises – archival accounting research. In particular, emerging world number one in the Citation Rankings for a third consecutive year represents the strong influence of SoA’s academic research in the field of accounting. As a citation represents a form of acknowledgment that one research paper gives to another existing piece of published research, citation analysis has widely been viewed as a means to assess the research impact generated by that original body of work.

**BYU Accounting Research: 2022 Citation Rankings**

UNIVERSITY	RANK	CITATION SCORE
Singapore Management University	1	8896
University of Chicago	2	5732
University of Texas at Austin	3	5699
University of Pennsylvania	4	5657
University of Washington	5	5467

Speaking on the importance of accounting research, **Associate Dean (Research) of School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian Professor Zhang Liandong** said, “Accounting research is essential because it can help businesses make critical business decisions. Analyses by the discipline’s thought leaders can offer valuable insights for companies to develop better strategies in sustainability, growth, and overall success. Our consistently strong performance at the annual BYU Research Rankings signals that our School is well-positioned to provide the highest quality accounting research to contribute to the advancement of financial practices.”

**Dean of School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor Cheng Qiang**, remarked, “The School’s reputation for its high quality research is reflected in achieving robust rankings yet again this year. We have also climbed to sixth spot in the world and are first in Asia in the overall rankings. I am extremely proud of the dedication and commitment of all our faculty members, and this is a testament to the high standards of accounting research and education at SMU’s School of Accountancy.”

SMU strongly encourages the research faculty to publish in the best academic journals to demonstrate the expertise and findings of our academics.

\*Source: BYU Accounting Research Rankings:

<http://www.byuaccounting.net/rankings/univrank/rankings.php>

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## **About SMU School of Accountancy**

Established in 2001 as the second school in the Singapore Management University (SMU), the School of Accountancy (SoA) offers the distinctive programmes; the Bachelor of Accountancy, Master of Professional Accounting, Master of Science in Accounting (Data & Analytics), SMU-Tsinghua Master of Science in CFO Leadership, SMU-Zhejiang Doctor of Business Administration (Accounting and Finance) and PhD in Accounting.

SoA pursues excellence by offering academic programmes that are responding to the needs of accounting and finance professionals. In particular, its Bachelor of Accountancy programme enjoys recognition from [11 professional and accreditation bodies](#).

SoA continues to receive international recognition for its research strength. In 2022, SoA is ranked first in the world for Archival Research (All Topics and Financial Accounting) and Citation Rankings in the Brigham Young University (BYU) accounting research rankings. The achievement is a strong testament to the commitment of SMU faculty towards developing high quality accounting research and placing SoA as a global leader among accounting schools in renowned universities.

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## **About Singapore Management University**

Established in 2000, Singapore Management University (SMU) is recognised for its disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research that address issues of global relevance, impacting business, government, and society. Its distinctive education, incorporating innovative experiential learning, aims to nurture global citizens, entrepreneurs and change agents. With more than 12,000 students, SMU offers a wide range of bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with six of its eight schools - Accountancy, Business, Economics, Computing, Law and Social Sciences. Its seventh school, the SMU College of Integrative Studies, offers a bachelor's degree programme in deep, integrative interdisciplinary education. The College of Graduate Research Studies, SMU's eighth school, enhances integration and interdisciplinarity across the various SMU postgraduate research programmes that will enable our students to gain a holistic learning experience and well-grounded approach to their research. SMU also offers a growing number of executive development and continuing education programmes. Through its city campus, SMU focuses on making meaningful impact on Singapore and beyond through its partnerships with industry, policy makers and academic institutions. [www.smu.edu.sg](http://www.smu.edu.sg)

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