

## Advancing to 591-600 in the QS World University Rankings 2022...

The Applied Science University has achieved a new global accomplishment in addition to its illustrious record full of academic and administrative achievements locally, regionally and internationally, as it just advanced in the new rankings of the QS World University Rankings 2022, and ranked 591-600 among the top universities in the world, which makes it among the top 18 Arab universities in this ranking and among the very best universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain. ASU is also the only private university to enter this ranking for two consecutive years and achieve such advanced positions, thus competing with prestigious Arab and international universities.

With this new achievement, ASU crowns an impressive decade of excellence in various scientific and academic fields. In the QS World University Rankings for the year 2021, it was ranked 651-700, in addition to being ranked among the top 150 emerging universities under the age of 50 in the world. It is also the only university in the Kingdom of Bahrain to have a four-star rating in the QS Stars International Rating System, in addition to ranking 29<sup>th</sup> in the QS World University Rankings for the Arab Region 2021, 401+ in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2021, and 37<sup>th</sup> in the Arab world in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for most sustainable universities.

At the local level, ASU succeeded in passing the Institutional Review by the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) by meeting all the requirements of all the standards and indicators in the Authority's Institutional Review Handbook, in addition to obtaining Institutional Accreditation from the Higher Education Council (HEC), and it is the first university in Bahrain and the Gulf to obtain the ISO certificate for Educational Institutions' Management Systems ISO 21001:2018.

On this occasion, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, congratulated the President of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad, and all the University's employees on this achievement, pointing out that maintaining these high

rankings at the Arab and international levels was no coincidence, but rather the result of the hard and diligent work of all ASU staff members towards taking the University to the level of international universities. He also extended his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education, and all the members of the Higher Education Council and the General Secretariat of the Higher Education Council for their tireless efforts to develop education in Bahrain and their constant support for the educational system in general.

For his part, the President of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad, stated that this achievement comes as part of the University's vision to achieve leadership in higher education and within the University's strategic direction to enhance its positioning among Arab and international universities by focusing on graduating academically qualified students as per the highest educational quality standards and in line with the strategy of the Higher Education Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He also took the opportunity to congratulate the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Samir Nass, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, and all the members of the two Boards on this great achievement that is the fruit of their ongoing support and close follow-up.

As for Dr. Mohammed Yousif Ahmad, the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, he explained that the University, since its establishment, has been focusing on the quality and diversity of its programs, and took it upon itself to be a student-centric institution by developing curricula that make the students at the heart of the educational process and by providing them with all the facilities and learning resources they need to succeed and to keep them abreast of the latest changes and developments in the various technological and academic fields.

Both Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, and Dr. Mohammed Yousif Ahmad, Vice President for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, represented ASU by attending the QS event that was held in Dubai, UAE, to announce the results of the QS World University Rankings 2022.