The University of Toledo is ranked among the world’s top research universities in the 2017 Times Higher Education World University Rankings released last week.

Out of the 980 ranked institutions across 79 countries, which represents 5 percent of the world’s higher education institutions, UT is listed in the range between 501 and 600. The ranking system reviews the core missions of the universities — teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

“Rankings provide an important measurement tool to evaluate where UT stands among its peers in higher education, and this specific ranking provides both an international perspective and one that emphasizes research,” said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president of research. “UT researchers increasingly collaborate with international colleagues as we work together to solve the issues facing our world, and this ranking reflects the positive impact of our research efforts.”

UT was invited to submit data to the Times Higher Education in 2015 in recognition of its research enterprise and was ranked for the first time in 2016 in the 501 to 600 band, but among 800 institutions at that time.

In the most recent rankings, which reflect data from 2014, UT experienced its greatest growth in the citation impact category that is calculated by an independent review of the number of times research articles by UT faculty members are cited in the scholarly work of others.

The rankings also take into account teaching and research reputation, percentage of international staff and students, and research and instructional income, among other factors.

The top university in the world, according to the 2017 Times Higher Education World Rankings, is the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. It is the first time a U.S. institution does not top the list in the 12-year history of the rankings.

UT fared well among Ohio universities: Ohio State is 72, Case Western Reserve University is 126, University of Cincinnati is in the 201 to 250 range, Kent State University is in the 401 to 500 range, and Miami University and Ohio University are in the 601 to 800 range.