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A COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE OF HIGH-QUALITY RESEARCH

- → Compare research output across 165 countries
- → Track research from 375,000+ articles and 80,000+ institutions
- → Identify collaboration trends from 1,400,000+ affiliations
- → Explore output at regional, national, institution and departmental level

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The Nature Index is a database of author affiliation information collated from research articles published in an independently selected group of high-quality science journals.

- The Nature Index provides a close to real-time proxy for high-quality research output and collaboration at the institutional, national, regional and global level.
- Academic institutions, policy-makers, research analysts, commercial organisations and the wider scientific community use the Nature Index to identify trends in research output and collaboration. The Nature Index delivers a freely accessible and straightforward way to analyse output and collaboration in high-quality scientific research.
- Selected by a panel of active scientists and reviewed regularly the journals included in the Nature Index reflect researchers' preference for the highest quality and most selective journals across the natural sciences.

THE NATURE INDEX DATABASE

Compare and contrast the research output for over 80,000 international institutions, consortia and departments. Search at institution, country and article level to identify research and collaboration trends over the last 5 years.

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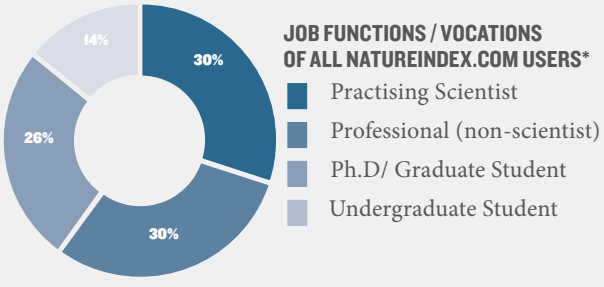

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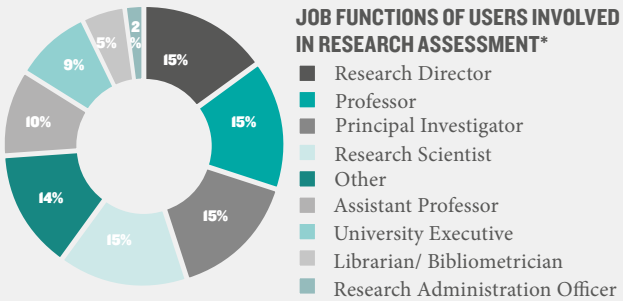

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NATURE INDEX 2018

Nature Index 2018 Supplement Calendar

NEW FOR 2018

Nature Index supplements analyse and interpret Nature Index data and are published in *Nature*. Each supplement focuses on a region or timely topic of interest catered to the *Nature* audience.

MARCH - *NATURE INDEX 2018 JAPAN*

Japan is among the top 5 producers of high-quality research, as measured by its contribution to papers in journals included in the Nature Index. While a few large institutions contribute most of this output, this supplement will level the playing field. By normalizing institutional output in the index by total publication output in the natural sciences, the analysis will bring to the fore smaller institutions where high-quality science represents a high proportion of the research output. The supplement will also closely track progress in Japan over the past year, highlighting the biggest drivers of change.

JUNE - *NATURE INDEX 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES*

People the world over are experiencing the effects of complex changes to our biosphere, from global warming to rising sea levels and species loss. This supplement will feature the countries and institutions leading the effort to understand our place in a changing world, and developing solutions to some of the most pressing problems facing humanity. Researchers in the field of Earth & environmental sciences are best-placed to study these natural phenomena and their long-term impact. With the release of the annual tables in 2018, the Nature Index will expand its coverage of journals in the Earth & environmental sciences, which will support robust analysis of the top institutions and countries contributing to high-quality research in the field. Includes bonus distribution at the World Cities Summit in Singapore in July 2018.

SEPTEMBER - *NATURE INDEX 2018 RISING STARS*

This supplement will give up-and-coming players in global science an opportunity to shine. It will highlight the achievements of countries, institutions and researchers that have shown exceptionally rapid increases in their contribution to high-quality research, often without the advantages of time and resources enjoyed by their more prominent counterparts. The analysis will be broken down by subject, region and type of institution, covering several years of papers published in the journals included in the index.

NOVEMBER - *NATURE INDEX 2018 SCIENCE CITIES*

The *Nature Index 2018 Science Cities* supplement will highlight cities and regions around the globe where high-quality science is taking place. Using data from the Nature Index, the supplement will profile hotspots of scientific excellence and powerful collaboration networks. *Nature Index 2017 Science Cities* featured 10 cities, chosen for their strong scientific credentials, metropolitan flair and global connections. The 2018 supplement will expand to global analysis including regional research hubs. Editorial pieces will focus on the exciting research coming out of urban research powerhouses and explore the factors that have led to their strengths. Sophisticated mapping data will enable a more detailed investigation of geospatial research output.

DECEMBER - *NATURE INDEX 2018 CHINA*

A fast-rising country in the Nature Index, China could overtake the United States as the global leader in the production of high-quality research in the natural sciences within a decade. This supplement will look at how the country plans to sustain this growth — what policies it has introduced to maintain its global science standing, what areas of research it is pushing for, and where the money is flowing. The supplement will also offer a more nuanced city-level analysis of the hotspots of research across the vast land.

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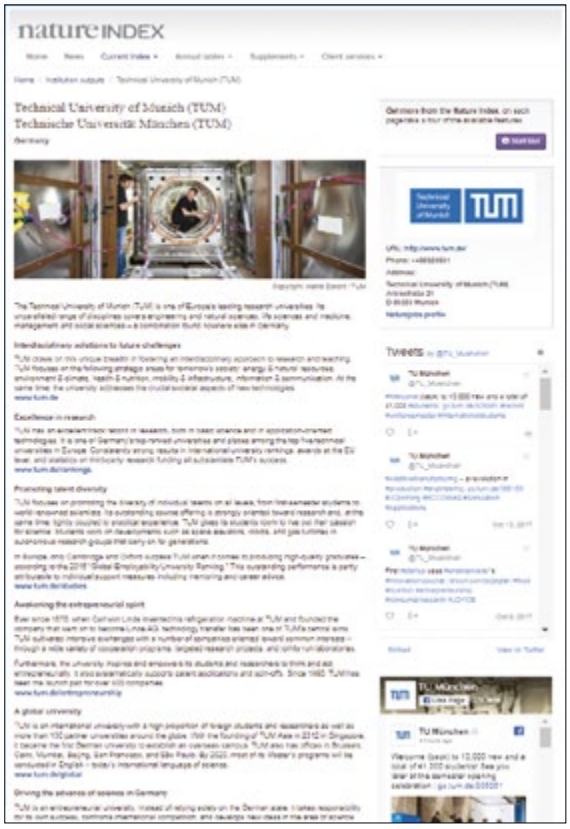

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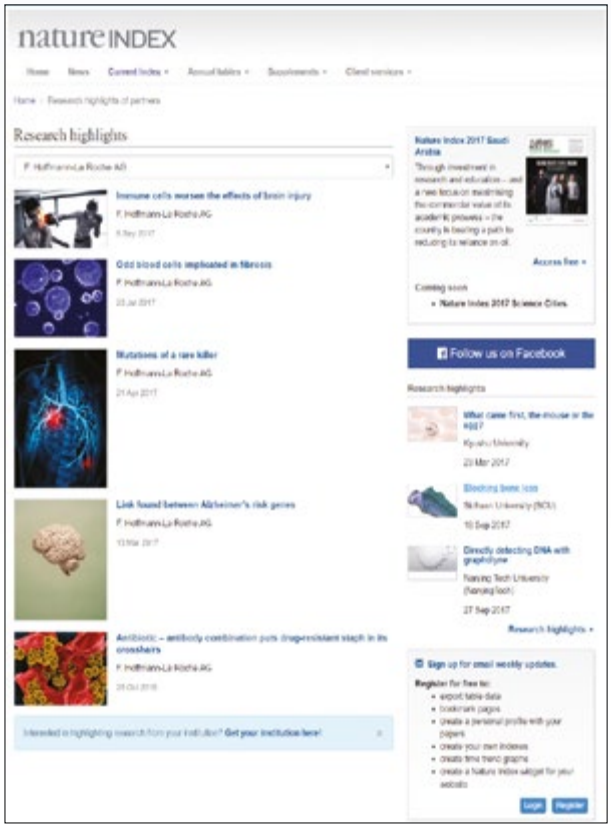

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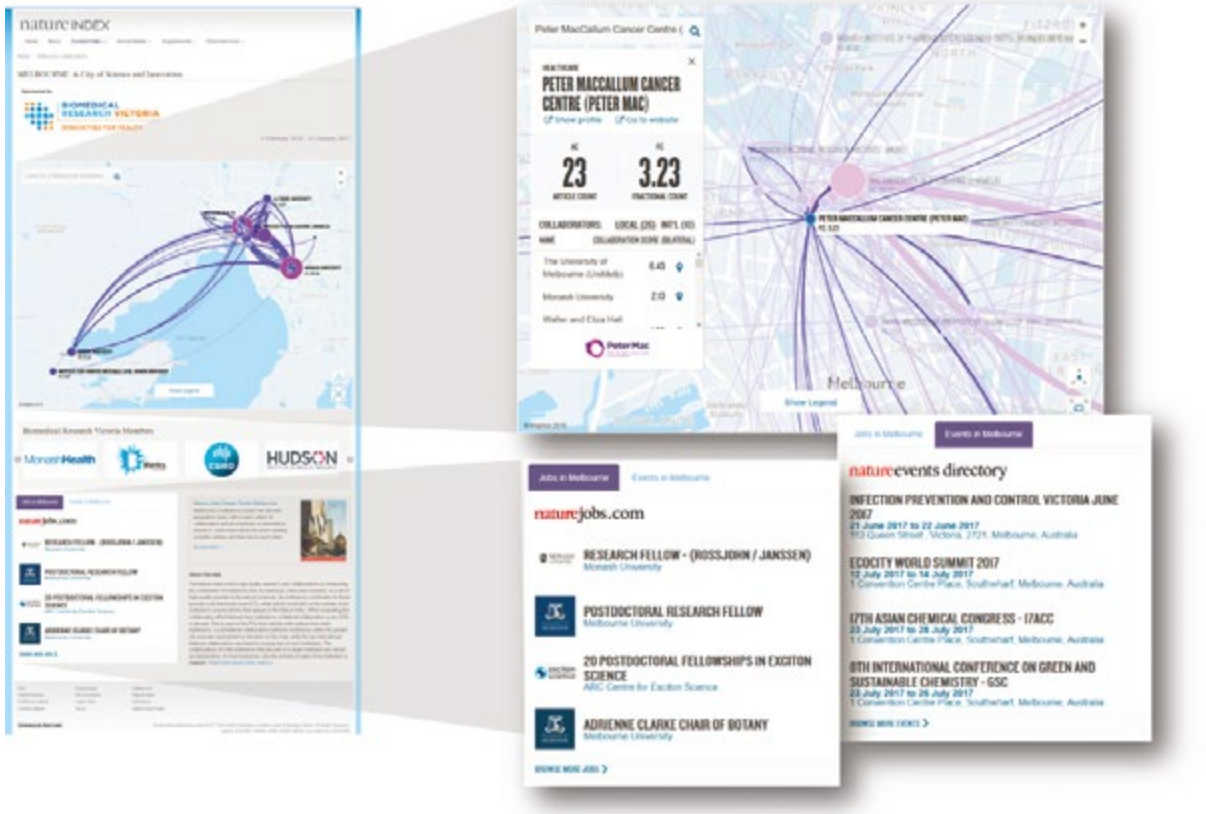
NATURE INDEX COLLABORATION MAPS

- A strength of the Nature Index is the ability to track collaboration between institutions in fine detail, on an international, domestic and local scale. In partnership with Small Multiples, Nature Index's online, interactive maps showcase collaboration between research institutions based on the tracking of high-quality research.
- These interactive city maps present the strength and quality of research output and collaboration that is occurring within the city and internationally in a way that is engaging and promotes the city's research capabilities to the world.
- Sponsors of a collaboration map showcase the research output and collaboration in their city and region based on the high quality research tracked in the Nature Index.

Key Features of the Interactive Online Map

- Each institution will have a pop-up box showing their output and strongest collaborations in high quality research within the city area and internationally. There will also be a link to the institution's current profile on the Nature Index website.
- Regularly updated feeds from *Naturejobs* and *Natureevents Directory*, listing jobs and events in the area.
- Promoted in print and across Nature Research's extensive online and social platforms, as well as advertising partners, to attract a large, relevant audience to the online map.



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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

"The Nature Index delivers a freely accessible and straightforward way to analyse high-quality scientific research output and collaboration that complements the other metrics and evaluation tools available to the research community. By focusing on a relatively small number of journals that have been identified as high-quality by an independent group of practicing scientists from relevant disciplines, we aim to provide a targeted view of high-quality output for institutions, policy-makers, research analysts, commercial organisations and the wider scientific community. With more than five years of data, Nature Index is becoming an increasingly powerful tool. It provides more than just a snapshot as the addition of each year's data elucidates trends in research output and changing patterns of collaboration over time."

David Swinbanks, founder of the Nature Index

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