

## Oxford ranked world's top university

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THE University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world and feeder for the British elite, has topped a global education ranking for the first time, but its vice-chancellor warned that Brexit could damage its long-term prospects.

Oxford knocked the leader for the last five years, California Institute of Technology, into second place in the Times Higher Education's global league table, which also saw Chinese universities climb rapidly.

Oxford, which educated four of the last six British prime ministers, ousted its US rival after its research funding rose 10 per cent and overall funding rose to 1.4 billion pounds (\$1.83 billion), while the impact of its research increased, said Phil Baty, editor of the rankings.