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1-1. History

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, formerly known as the National University of Iran, was established on 29 Esfand 1338 by the late Dr. Ali Sheikh al-Islam. This university was the first institution to operate under a board of trustees known as the "Board of Confidential Trustees." In the 1360s SH, following the martyrdom of Dr. Beheshti, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Ahmad Sarmad, then-president of the National University of Iran, the university was renamed after Shahid Beheshti.

Following the ratification of the law establishing the Ministry of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education on 25 Esfand 1364, and the subsequent integration of various educational and medical units affiliated with the ministry and the National University of Iran, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Health Services was officially launched in Shahrivar 1365.

Currently, the university is recognized as one of the premier medical universities in Iran, actively engaged in educational, research, public health, and clinical services. It serves over half of Tehran's population in the domains of healthcare and medical treatment.

By virtue of its specialized and subspecialized capacities, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Health Services encompasses 12 faculties, 11 medical, educational, and therapeutic centers, 9 hospitals, 8 healthcare networks, 2 health centers, 13 research institutes, 83 governmental research centers, and 12 private research centers. It is consistently regarded as one of the most reputable and largest institutions providing comprehensive educational, public health, and medical services in the country.

1-2. Board of Trustees

- Dr. Mohammadreza Zafarghandi (Chairman of the Board of Trustees)
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- Governor of Tehran (Ex officio Member)
- Representative of the Plan and Budget Organization of the Country (Ex officio Member)





1-2-1. Duties and Authorities of the Board of Trustees

- Approval of the internal regulations.
- Approval of the university's administrative organization based on the regulations proposed by the relevant ministry in coordination with the Administrative and Recruitment Affairs Organization, subject to ratification by the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution.
- Review and approval of institutions proposed by the university president.
- Approval of the detailed university budget.
- Approval of the annual accounts and balance sheet of the university.
- Approval of the methods for collecting and spending dedicated revenues.
- Appointment of auditors and the university's treasurer.
- Efforts to attract assistance from the private sector and local revenues, including cash, equipment, and buildings, in compliance with regulations ratified by the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution.
- Approval of financial and transactional regulations, which, as appropriate, become effective upon confirmation by the relevant ministry.
- Determination of the management of production, service, workshop, health, and treatment units of the institution within the framework of regulations ratified by the Cabinet.
- Determination of the amount of payments for teaching fees, research fees, remunerations, authorship rights, and similar entitlements.
- Review of reports submitted by the university president.
- Approval of employment regulations for the university faculty, which, for coordination purposes, become effective after confirmation by the relevant ministry.





1-3. Mission and Strategies

➤ **In accordance with the university's vision, the intrinsic missions of the university are focused on three main axes:**

- Education and empowerment of experienced and committed human resources.
- Research and production of efficient and effective knowledge.
- Provision of health services with priority given to addressing the problems of the covered community, aiming at human promotion and excellence, improvement and advancement of operational processes, and sustainable development in the delivery of health services.

1-3-1. Mission Statement

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, as a symbol of medical education, is proud to provide health services to the largest covered population in the country and also serves as the designated center for other regions at the national level. In achieving its fundamental values and lofty vision, the university is committed, with the benefit of distinguished professors and dedicated, responsible staff across various fields of medical sciences, to training specialized, committed, and entrepreneurial youth, producing, transferring, and disseminating knowledge and technology with an approach based on educational equity and spatial planning, and responding to the needs of society, especially in the health sector.

The enhancement and human excellence, improvement of operational processes, and sustainable development of health service delivery are considered among the university's main objectives. The university regards it as its duty to educate skilled, committed, and specialized human resources within the framework of the third-generation university indicators and future universities, moving toward human excellence while preserving authentic Iranian-Islamic identities.

The university deems it necessary, in line with improving operational processes, to move in a unified direction toward becoming an entrepreneurial and accountable university by employing the latest skills, techniques, and modern management tools. This movement is intended to facilitate transformation in education, research, and health services with an approach focused on solving issues at national and regional levels. Additionally, the university undertakes the responsibility to enhance the capacity





for accountability and entrepreneurial spirit among distinguished professors, researchers, and creative students. Through scientific breakthroughs, fundamental research, technology, and scientific innovation, the university strives to produce sustainable wealth by commercializing research in line with the resistance economy.

With foresight and interaction with the national executive bodies and international collaborations for the sustainable development of health service delivery at all levels, the university dedicates itself to playing an effective role in addressing existing and emerging health needs. Moreover, leveraging its unique scientific, research, and comprehensive health service capacities, it endeavors to expand its international performance, functions, and communications. It seeks to enhance fundamental and network capabilities through strategic partnerships with other universities and to play a significant role in academic interactions.

1-3-2. Strategic Goals

- Human development and excellence
- Improvement and advancement of operational processes
- Sustainable development in the provision of health services
- Internationalization across all dimensions of the university

1-3-3. University Strategies

1. Development focused on the university's competitive advantages in education, research, technology, health, treatment, and culture.
2. Quantitative and qualitative enhancement of health services with the aim of promoting equity and reducing deprivation.
3. Internationalization of the university across all areas of its mission.
4. Optimal management of resources (human, financial and physical).
5. Achievement of an entrepreneurial and resource-generating university.
6. Digital transformation within the university (toward a smart and electronic university).
7. Organization of the university's communication system and media interactions.





1-4. Introduction of the University Presidents from Establishment to the Present

Following the establishment of the university in 1338 SH upon the proposal of Ali Sheikh-ol-Eslam, and with the founding of the School of Medicine in 1340 SH, Sheikh-ol-Eslam served as the President of the University for five years. In 1344 SH, he also established the School of Dentistry; however, in Aban of the same year, he was removed from his position.



Following Sheikh-ol-Eslam, Abdolali Jahanshahi served as the President of the University from Azar 1344 to Khordad 1345. He held the presidency of Shahid Beheshti University for nearly seven months and initiated the School of Dentistry with an enrollment of 120 students. In 1345, an institution entitled the Higher School of Midwifery was also established and admitted 20 students. The School of Nursing and Midwifery was later formed through the integration of several nursing and midwifery schools affiliated with the Ministry of Health, Shahid Beheshti University, and the Paramedical Sciences Complex.

After him, Ali Akbar Bina assumed the presidency of Shahid Beheshti University from Khordad 1345 to Bahman 1346. He served in this position for less than two years.





Mohammad Ali Mojtahedi served as the President of Shahid Beheshti University from Esfand 1346 to Mordad 1347. He held this position for a brief period of only five months. Anoshiravan Pouyan served as the President of Shahid Beheshti University from Shahrivar 1347 to Shahrivar 1352 and remained in this position for approximately five years.

In Shahrivar 1352, Ahmad Houshang Sharifi was appointed President of Shahid Beheshti University and served in this capacity until Ordibehesht 1353. Following him, Abbas Safavian assumed the presidency from Khordad 1353 to Shahrivar 1356. He was succeeded by Ahmad Qorayshi, who served as President of Shahid Beheshti University from Shahrivar 1356 to Mehr 1357. Qorayshi remained in office for about one year before being replaced by Abdolali Jahanshahi, who held the presidency from Mehr 1357 to Bahman 1357 for a brief period of four months, marking the shortest presidential tenure in the history of the University.

Abdol-Samad Taqizadeh was the next President, assuming office in Esfand 1357. During his tenure, an important development took place: following the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1358, and in accordance with a law approved by the Council of the Revolution, the National University was declared a public (state) university. Taqizadeh served as President of Shahid Beheshti University until Aban 1359, presiding over the institution for nearly two years. He was succeeded by Ahmad Asgharian Jaddi, who served as President from Aban 1359 to Azar 1360.

Mohammad Hassan Ahmadi subsequently held the presidency from Azar 1360 to Aban 1361. Ahmad Farmad served as the President of Shahid Beheshti University from Aban 1361 to Aban 1363, holding this position for a period of two years. During his tenure, in Khordad 1362, the then Cultural Revolution Headquarters approved the change of the University's name from "National University of Iran" to "Shahid Beheshti University." For this reason, some regard him as the first President of Shahid Beheshti University.

Even if Farmad is not considered the first, Hadi Nadimi undoubtedly holds the record for the longest presidential tenure among presidents of public universities in Iran. Nadimi served as President of Shahid Beheshti University from Aban 1363 to Bahman 1384—more than twenty-one years—providing the University with a long period of managerial stability.

During this period, another significant development occurred. In 1364, based on a resolution of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran establishing the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the medical and treatment centers as well as the schools of medicine and paramedical sciences were separated from the University. After being merged with several other educational centers, they began their activities under the name of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.

On 19 Esfand 1364, Dr. Fereydoun Azizi, Professor of Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, was appointed as the President of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, becoming the third individual to be regarded as the first president of the University. During this period and until 1370, several schools were established, including the Schools of Public Health, Paramedical Sciences, Health, Safety and Environment, Rehabilitation Sciences, as well as the National Nutrition and Food Technology Research Institute of Iran.





On 21 Shahrivar 1370, Dr. Seyed Mahmoud Tabatabaei, Professor of Neurosurgery, was appointed President of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and served in this capacity for six years and five days. He was subsequently succeeded by the late Dr. Habibollah Pirouzi. Dr. Pirouzi, Professor of General and Vascular Surgery, assumed the presidency on 26 Shahrivar 1376 and served as President of the University for a full eight years. On 26 Shahrivar 1384, Dr. Alireza Zali, who at the time was an Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, was appointed President of the University.

Three years later, on 13 Shahrivar 1387, he was succeeded by Dr. Shahin Mohammad-Sadeghi, Assistant Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University, who served in this position for sixteen months. On 13 Dey 1388, Dr. Mohammad-Reza Razaghi assumed the presidency of the University and remained in this position for one year and seven months.

Following a decree by Dr. Marzieh Vahid-Dastjerdi, the Minister of Health at the time, Dr. Hassan Abolghasemi, Professor of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, began his presidency on 23 Mordad 1390 and continued in this role until the end of the Tenth Administration. With the beginning of the Eleventh Administration, and on 25 Shahrivar 1392, Dr. Ali-Asghar Peyvandi, Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose, and Throat), assumed the presidency of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.



At the beginning of the Twelfth Administration, in continuation of the “Prudence and Hope” approach, the Minister of Health, Treatment and Medical Education, Dr. Hashemi, appointed Dr. Mohammad Aghajani as the President of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences through a formal decree issued on 31 Mordad 1396.





After approximately two years of Dr. Aghajani's presidency, on 16 Mehr 1398, Dr. Alireza Zali, Full Professor and Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University, was appointed President of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences by decree of Dr. Saeed Namaki, Minister of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, he was selected as the Commander of the Headquarters for Combating Coronavirus in the Tehran metropolitan area, and his valuable services in this position continued until the end of the pandemic.



On 14 Esfand 1403, by decree of Dr. Mohammad-Reza Zafarghandi, Minister of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education, a new era in the leadership of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences began with the appointment of Dr. Mohammad-Esmail Gheydari, Associate Professor of Cardiology and Head of the Department of Cardiology at the University. At the start of his tenure, he emphasized that the University's principal assets are its elites, administrators, staff, and students, and he placed the fulfillment of the University's human-resource needs and the provision of high-quality services to the public at the forefront of his agenda.





1-5. University Performance in Rankings, Festivals and Evaluations

1-5-1. Times Higher Education Ranking

The Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking is one of the most renowned international university ranking systems. It was first introduced in 2004 through a collaboration between the Times and QS under the title “Times–QS Ranking,” and from 2010 onward it has been published in cooperation with Thomson Reuters. In the 2016 ranking cycle, in order to obtain the data required for its indicators, THE terminated its collaboration with Thomson Reuters and began working with the Scopus database. The change in the data source used by the Times ranking system from ISI to Scopus affected the manner of universities’ representation and their positions in the ranking. This ranking system employs 16 indicators grouped into five principal criteria: Teaching (29.5%), Research (29%), Citations (30%), International Outlook (7.5%), and Industry Income (4%). The calculation of indicators and scores is based on three data sources:

- 1) Data submitted by universities and higher education institutions, collected in a self-reporting format.
- 2) Data derived from reputation surveys conducted among higher education expert
- 3) Information on scholarly outputs of higher education institutions indexed in the Scopus citation database. ¹

In the “University Impact Ranking” category of the Times system, which evaluates universities worldwide in terms of their responsiveness to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, in line with fulfilling its social responsibility and through initiatives such as providing community-based services in counties and underserved rural areas, delivering services to migrants without discrimination and striving to enhance public health literacy, achieved a position in the 300–400 band overall and ranked first nationally and 30th globally in SDG 3, “Good Health and Well-Being,” in 2025. In the 2025 Times Asia University Rankings, 18 performance indicators similar to those used in the World University Rankings were applied. In this ranking, 81 Iranian universities were included, among which four universities were placed among the top 100 universities in Asia. It is noteworthy that Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences ranked eighth among Iranian universities and third among medical universities.

Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC) – News Code 2486 ¹





Table 1.1: Comparison of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences' Position in the Times Asia University Rankings

University Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	157	185	30-251	131	154

1-5-2. Leiden Ranking System

Leiden is one of the internationally recognized university evaluation systems that annually assesses and ranks the world's leading universities based on validated scientometric indicators. In the Leiden Ranking, scientific outputs of universities indexed in the Web of Science (WOS) database are utilized. The evaluation period for university publications covers the years 2019–2022, while citations are considered up to the end of 2023. In this ranking, only research articles and review papers are accepted as publication types; other formats such as books, conference papers, and similar publications are excluded from evaluation. The criterion of scientific impact employs indicators such as top 1%, top 5%, top 10%, and top 50% highly cited articles. The scientific diplomacy criterion uses indices of academic collaboration, international cooperation, industrial collaboration, scientific collaboration within a geographical distance of less than 100 km, and collaboration over distances greater than 5000 km.

The open-access criterion consists of indicators including the number of open-access publications, gold open-access publications, hybrid open-access publications, bronze open-access publications, and green open-access publications. The gender diversity criterion includes the total number of authors as well as metrics indicating the number and ratio of female and male authors, the number and percentage of authors of unspecified gender, male authors as a proportion of total authors, female authors as a proportion of total authors, and respective ratios among identified male and female authors.

According to the Public Relations Office of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, as reported by the Vice-Chancellor for International Affairs, based on the latest results of the CWTS Leiden Ranking 2025, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, while improving its standing in the four key dimensions — research quality and impact (scientific influence), international research collaboration (scientific diplomacy), open-access publishing, and gender participation — attained the fifth position among 48 Iranian universities included in this ranking and maintained its distinguished second place among the country's medical universities

It is noteworthy that the Leiden Ranking system is among the most precise research-oriented frameworks and is considered one of the most reliable international models for evaluating the research performance of universities worldwide. The improvement of the University's position in this system indicates that the





research-driven trajectory and the strategic emphasis on international scientific collaboration at the University are progressing effectively. Furthermore, in 2025, a new version of the Leiden Ranking, titled Leiden Ranking Open Edition, was introduced. This edition, utilizing the open-access OpenAlex database and fully transparent information, offers broader coverage of universities and publications, particularly those in regional and non-English-speaking contexts. This initiative represents a significant step toward enhancing transparency, inclusivity, and equity in the evaluation of universities.

Table 1-2: Global Ranking Results of the University in the Scientific Diplomacy Criterion (Leiden Ranking)

University Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	473	436	404	384	375

Table 1-3: Global Ranking Results of the University in the Open-Access Publications Criterion (Leiden Ranking)

University Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	473	436	404	384	375

Table 1-4: Global Ranking Results of the University in the Gender Diversity Criterion (Leiden Ranking)

University Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	347	325	280	259	258

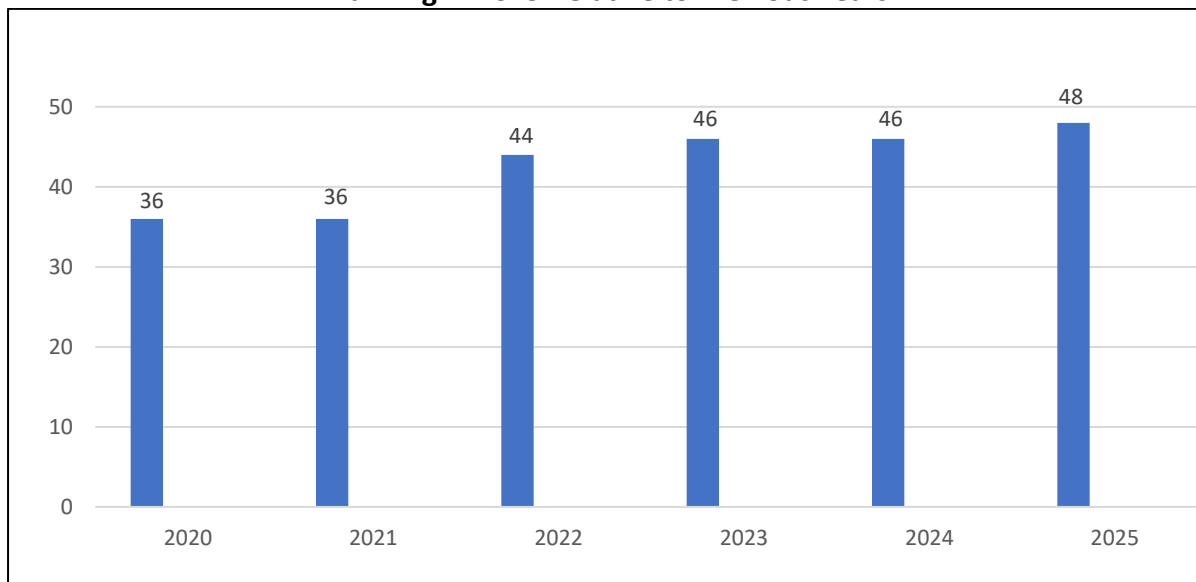
Table 1-5: Global Ranking Results of the University in the Scientific Impact Criterion (Leiden Ranking)

University Name	2021	2022	2023	2023	2025
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	476	476	413	400	383





Figure 1-1: Comparison of the Number of Participating Iranian Universities in the Leiden Ranking in 2025 Relative to Previous Years



1-5-3. Shanghai Ranking

The Shanghai Ranking is one of the most prestigious global university ranking systems, published annually on the basis of scientific and research performance indicators. Within this system, only the top 1,000 universities worldwide are recognized. The ranking was first introduced internationally in 2003 by Shanghai Jiao Tong University and has since been updated on an annual basis.

In the 2025 edition of the Shanghai Ranking, 1,000 leading universities worldwide were ranked. As in the previous year, Harvard University, Stanford University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States secured the first through third positions, respectively. In addition, a total of 51 universities from 10 Islamic countries are represented in the ranking, with Saudi Arabia and Turkey leading with 13 and 11 universities, respectively, followed by Iran and Egypt, each represented by six universities. It is noteworthy that Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences is ranked within the 801–900 band among the world’s top 1,000 universities and holds the position of the second leading medical sciences university at the national level.

Table 1-6: Position of Iranian Medical Sciences Universities in the 2025 Shanghai Ranking

No.	University Name	2025	2024
1	Tehran University of Medical Sciences	500-401	500-401
2	Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	900-801	800-701
3	Iran University of Medical Sciences	1000-901	800-701





The data sources used in this ranking include the official websites of the Nobel Prizes and the Fields Medal, as well as various bibliographic databases and governmental statistical sources. The research data of universities are also extracted from the Web of Science (WoS) citation database.

Table 1-7: Criteria of the Shanghai Ranking System

Criteria	Indicators	Weight
Quality of Education	Alumni Awarded Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals	10%
Quality of Faculty	Staff Winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals	20%
	Highly Cited Researchers	20%
Research Output	Papers Published in Nature and Science	20%
	Papers Indexed in Science Citation Index-Expanded and Social Sciences Citation Index	20%
Per Capita Performance	Per Capita Academic Performance	10%

1-5-4. Essential Science Indicators (ESI) Ranking

The Essential Science Indicators (ESI) is recognized as a primary global framework for the evaluation of universities and research institutions. This system assesses institutional performance through an analysis of the top 1% of most-cited papers indexed in the Web of Science database, identifying the most influential organizations across 22 distinct subject categories. Currently, 134 universities and research institutions from the Islamic Republic of Iran are represented in this index.

According to the Public Relations Office of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (SBUMS), 80 researchers from this university were included in Stanford University's 2025 list of the world's top 2% most-cited scientists. This classification is derived from a rigorous methodology based on the comprehensive analysis of Scopus data.

In recent years, the representation of SBUMS researchers within the top 2% tier has demonstrated a consistent upward trajectory, increasing from 27 and 58 individuals in earlier editions to 80 researchers in the most recent release. This sustained growth, alongside improvements in other bibliometric indicators, reflects a substantial advancement in the university's research capacity and technological output.

According to the latest report published on the ESI website (www.esi.clarivate.com), Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences holds the 691st position globally.

- Web of Science Documents: 21,888
- Total Citations: 434,682
- Citations per Paper: 19.86





1-5-5. Webometrics

Webometrics, also known as the Ranking of University Websites, is a web-based ranking system established in 2004 by the Cybermetrics Laboratory, a unit of the Spanish National Research Council. The evaluation framework is based on four distinct indicators.

The Webometrics indicators are as follows:

Presence (Public Knowledge Representation): This indicator measures the size or number of core web pages of an institution's main website that are retrievable through Google. Presence accounts for 5% of the total ranking weight.

Visibility (Web Content Impact): This indicator examines the influence of external networks linking to an institution's web pages. The values are normalized and averaged based on data derived from Ahrefs and Majestic. Visibility carries a weight of 50%.

Transparency (Top Cited Researchers): This indicator represents the number of citations received by the institution's top 100 researchers based on their Google Scholar profiles. Transparency contributes 10% to the overall ranking.

Excellence (Top Cited Papers): This indicator measures the number of papers ranked among the top 10% most cited in 26 subject areas over a five-year period (2013–2017), according to Scimago. Excellence constitutes 35% of the ranking weight.

In the most recent global Webometrics ranking conducted in July 2025, three Iranian medical universities—Tehran, Shahid Beheshti, and Tabriz—secured the first, second, and third positions respectively within the medical sciences category.

Table 1-8: Comparison of the Rank of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences in 2024 and 2025 in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities

Year	2024		2025	
	January	July	January	July
Rank of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	606	653	656	691





1-5-6. Razi Medical Sciences Research Festival

The Razi Research Festival has been held annually since 1374 SH. It was established based on Clause 4 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which emphasizes strengthening the spirit of inquiry, investigation, and innovation in line with the objectives of the Ministry of Health. The festival aims to recognize and honor distinguished researchers and students of medical sciences universities.

The festival is held every year in the month of Dey in honor of Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Razi, the renowned Iranian physician, chemist, pharmacist, and philosopher.

At the 31st Razi Medical Sciences Research and Technology Festival in 1404 SH, Dr. Mohammad Esmail Ghaderi, President of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, was recognized for achieving first place in research and technology among Type-1 universities.

In addition, Dr. Fahimeh Ramazani Tehrani, Head of the Reproductive Endocrinology Research Center at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, received first place in the Impactful University Research Project category. Dr. Payam Tabarsi, Professor at the same university, received third place in Clinical Health Sciences.

The Student Research and Technology Committee of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences was also selected as the top student research and technology committee among Type-1 universities in this edition of the festival.

1-5-7. QS International System

In the latest published QS World University Rankings, only 2,020 institutions qualified for the Sustainability Rankings category. Among these, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences achieved a global rank of 1300–1400 and ranked fifth nationally among 17 Iranian universities.

Only two Iranian medical universities are listed in the QS Sustainability Ranking, with Tehran University of Medical Sciences positioned after Shahid Beheshti at 1500+.

QS World University Rankings is among the most prestigious international systems, featuring 10 specialized ranking categories. One of these is the Sustainability Rankings, which assesses the environmental and social impacts of universities across three main indicators annually.

The Environmental Impact sub-indicators include education, research, and sustainability; the university's highest score was obtained in the research sector.





The Social Impact sub-indicators include equality, knowledge exchange, employment opportunities, health and wellbeing, and the impact of education. The university's highest score in this index was related to knowledge exchange.

Furthermore, in the Governance indicator, the university's performance in the good governance sub-indicator significantly contributed to its overall position.

1-5-8. Shahid Motahari Educational Festival

The closing ceremony of the 18th Shahid Motahari Educational Festival was held on Wednesday morning, Ordibehesht 3, 1404 SH. The event took place at the Razi International Convention Center with the attendance of the President.

Table 1-9: Shahid Motahari Educational Festival Ranking Results in 1403 SH Compared with the Previous Year

Topic	1403	1402
Processes Submitted to the Festival Secretariat	34	24
Top University Processes	6	6
National Top Processes	1	1
National Commendable Processes	-	-

1-5-9. Research Evaluation by the Ministry of Health

According to the results of the latest evaluation conducted by the Ministry of Health, 68 universities were assessed, and Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences ranked first in the field of research and technology in the country. This achievement, obtained for the first time in the history of the university, represents a “historic milestone” and is the result of the efforts of faculty members, researchers, and students.

This evaluation was conducted across four main domains—governance and leadership, knowledge production and translation, impact, and technology output and development—comprising 23 subdomains and 107 indicators.

In the domain of knowledge production and translation, scientific indicators such as the number of publications, citations, H-index, leadership in publications, the ratio of publications to faculty members, first-quartile publications, hot papers, patents, and university-based knowledge translation constitute the primary focus of the ranking system.

The impact domain reflects the outcomes of research activities that have generated meaningful effects, particularly those contributing to addressing public health challenges within the healthcare system.





The third domain, technology output and development, examines the expansion of infrastructure, outputs of knowledge-based companies and products, activities of innovation and growth centers, job creation, and wealth generation through knowledge-based enterprises.

Governance and leadership, the fourth domain forming the basis of this ranking system, includes indicators such as biobanks, comprehensive research laboratories, research ethics, scientific information and dissemination, disease registry programs, large cohort studies, the number of clinical trial projects, student research activities, and ultimately the university's research expenditures.

Accordingly, the university achieved the first rank in the overall score. It also secured the top position in the domains of impact and technology. Furthermore, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences ranked second in the areas of knowledge production and translation as well as governance and leadership.

In this evaluation, Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Tabriz University of Medical Sciences ranked second and third, respectively.

1-5-10. National Congress on Student Research and Technology in Medical Sciences

Students of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences achieved top honors in various scientific and research categories at the 26th National and 12th International Annual Congress on Student Research and Technology in Medical Sciences, held from 21 to 24 October 2025 in the city of Sari.

In this scientific event, attended by outstanding researchers, faculty members, and top students from medical universities across the country, representatives of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences succeeded in presenting their research achievements and securing multiple prestigious awards for the university in the following categories:

Table 1-10: Top Rankings Achieved at the National Congress on Student Research and Technology in Medical Sciences

Top Rank	Category
Mohammad Shekarei, B.Sc. Student in Nursing	Top Innovator
Zahedeh Khoshnezhad, M.Sc. Student in Epidemiology	Best Poster
Mahtab Sattari, Ph.D. Candidate in Reproductive Health	Outstanding Reviewer





1-5-11. National Medical Students' Scientific Olympiad

The university team achieved outstanding success at the 17th National Medical Students' Scientific Olympiad, winning 3 gold medals, 2 silver medals, 4 bronze medals, and 6 diplomas of honor in both individual and team categories.

Table 1-11: Results of the 17th National Medical Students' Scientific Olympiad

Domain	Achievement
Medical Education	1 Individual Gold, 3 Diplomas of Honor
Medical Ethics	1 Individual Gold, 1 Team Silver
Health System Management	1 Individual Gold, 1 Individual Silver, 1 Diploma of Honor
Convergent Thinking in Basic Sciences and Frontiers of Knowledge	2 Individual Bronze
Clinical Reasoning	2 Diplomas of Honor
Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence	1 Team Bronze
Art, Media, and Campaign Design	1 Team Bronze

1-5-12. Global Inventors Competitions

Researchers at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences won the Gold Medal of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) for developing an intelligent device designed to assess the level of consciousness in hospitalized patients, including those in intensive care units.

Dr. Mohammad Hossein Afrand, Dr. Mostafa Abdollahi, and Dr. Sahar Mousavi earned this distinction for the country and the university by designing an AI-based device that received recognition at the International Inventors Association global competition. Utilizing auditory, visual, and motor stimuli—together with data analysis through artificial intelligence algorithms—the device evaluates changes in a patient's level of consciousness with greater accuracy and speed compared to the traditional Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS).

The IFIA Gold Medal represents the highest scientific honor awarded in these competitions. The federation operates in collaboration with international organizations, including WIPO, to support innovation and promote sustainable development.²





1-5-13. Laureates of the Iran National Science Foundation

According to the Public Relations Office of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, in the ceremony held to honor the country's leading scientific and laboratory figures—with the participation of Dr. Hossein Afshin, Vice President for Science, Technology, and Knowledge-Based Economy—outstanding faculty members from universities and research institutes were recognized.

Dr. Farzad Hadaegh, Professor in the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, was selected as a laureate in the 10th round of the Scientific Elites Program in 2025. His remarkable achievement in producing and disseminating influential scientific outputs is a testament to his sustained efforts and active role in advancing the country's scientific authority.

