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In January 2025, Babeş-Bolyai University reaffirmed its five-star (QS*****) rating following the international QS STAR audit conducted by the British firm Quacquarelli Symonds, based on data provided by Qualitas Center. This recognition places UBB among world-class universities, distinguished by a strong international reputation, advanced academic facilities, and internationally recognised teaching and research staff. The rigorous evaluation, carried out across multiple key academic dimensions, attests UBB's role as a global actor in education, research, innovation and international cooperation.

Competitiveness and internationalization

In the first part of this year, Babeş-Bolyai University was included in several prestigious international rankings:

- In the 2026 edition of the [QS World University Rankings](#), UBB is placed in the 761-770 range worldwide, while it remains the best ranked university on national level, alongside the University of Bucharest.
- According to the [Center for World University Rankings \(CWUR\)](#), UBB is the only Romanian university included in the global top 1,000 universities, being ranked 962nd out of more than 21,000 universities evaluated, placing it among the top 4.5% universities worldwide.
- In the [U.S. News Best Global Universities](#) ranking, UBB is ranked 785th globally and 280th in Europe, maintaining its position as the leading Romanian university; notably, in the subject-specific rankings, UBB ranks 80th worldwide in Mathematics.

Activities

- In January the report on the results of the [Evaluation of the Professional Activity of Academic and Research Staff by Management](#) for the 2021/2022-2023/2024 period was finalized and published. In 2024, 1,518 members of the teaching and research staff were evaluated. The institutional average score was 4.58 out of a maximum of 5.
- The report on the [Labour Market Insertion of UBB Graduates](#) was finalized and published on the Qualitas Center's website.
- The operational procedures regarding the evaluation of the engagement of [students and doctoral candidates](#), as well as that of [UBB employees](#) in sustainable development were developed (HCA no. 3137/17.03.2025 and HCA no. 3137/17.03.2025)
- At the end of March, the [Report on Students' Assessment of Teaching Performance](#) for the first semester of the 2024/2025 academic year was published.
- The report on [Students' Motivation for Choosing Babeş-Bolyai University \("Why We Choose UBB?"\)](#) for the 2024/2025 academic year was published. The response rate was 41.4%, and the results indicate that the *university's reputation, the quality of study programs, and the profession obtained upon graduation* are the main factors influencing students' decision to study at UBB.
- In June of this year, the [Regulations on the Organization and Functioning of the Qualitas Center](#) (HCA no. 7663/02.06.2025), as well as those of the [Scientific Council of Qualitas Center](#) (HCA no. 7664/02.06.2025), were revised.



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

Receiving the HR Excellence in Research award represents UBB's commitment to implement the principles of the [Code and Charter for Researchers](#) in order to foster research careers since 2018.

The European Commission recognizes with the HR Excellence in Research Award the institutions that make progress in aligning their human resources policies to the 40 principles of the Charter & Code, based on a customized action plan/HR strategy.

- In January, the documentation for the renewal of the *HR Excellence in Research Award* was submitted, including the internal review and the [action plan for the 2025-2027 period](#), which, alongside measures related to research and human resources management, places greater emphasis on initiatives regarding equal opportunities and inclusion. At the same time, the composition of the [HRS4R Steering Committee](#) and its [operating regulation](#) was revised and updated.
- We have started to prepare for the site visit, which is expected to take place sometime later this year.
- By Decision no. 247/13.01.2025 of UBB's Administration Council, the [Research - Development - Innovation Strategy for the 2025-2029](#) period was approved.
- By Senate Decision no. 28/10.03.2025, the new [Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct at UBB](#) was approved.
- Activities related to Open Science at UBB are carried out in line with [the strategy adopted in 2024](#).

Events and recommendations

- ENQA Seminar “[European Dimension of Quality Assurance](#)” - Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels, Belgium, **9 September 2025**
- [ARACIS 20th Anniversary International Conference](#) - Transylvania University of Braşov, Braşov, Romania, **6-7 October 2025**
- European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) “[QA in Times of Crises: Ensuring Stability, Autonomy and International Cooperation in Higher Education](#)” - **12-14 November 2025**
- “[Embrace Inclusion & Diversity in Your Erasmus+ Projects](#)” - Bruges, Belgium, **17-20 November 2025**
- **HRS4R Info Day** - a hybrid event scheduled for the end of November 2025



Diversity and inclusion

The participatory process of developing the UBB Inclusion Strategy has been initiated. The four thematic meetings brought together representatives of 14 student organizations, along with designated individuals from the Center for Students with Disabilities, the Career, Professional Orientation and Alumni Center, and the Center for International Cooperation.

Between March 20 and 22, the university was represented at the annual [Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Workshops](#) event, organized by the European Students' Society.

Prof. Dr. Dégi Csaba, the university ombudsperson, was appointed as the person responsible for [handling cases of sexual harassment and workplace moral harassment](#).



Dear colleagues, if you organize activities or events relevant to quality assurance, please send us information about them at qualitas@ubbcluj.ro.

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