**Announcement template: Rankings**

**HEADLINE: Include both a main headline (HED) and sub-headline (DEK). The reader should get be able to read both and understand the overall story.**

*QS ranks MIT the world’s top university for 2016-17*

*Ranked No. 1 for the fifth straight year, the Institute also places first in 12 of 42 disciplines.*

**PARAGRAPH 1: State the ranking and its source. If past performance is relevant—e.g., X number of years at #1 or a jump up from past years—state it in a brief second sentence.**

*MIT has been ranked as the top university in the world in the latest QS World University Rankings. This marks the fifth straight year in which the Institute has been ranked in the No. 1 position.*

**PARAGRAPH 2: Go into detail. Describe who conducted the ranking and the basis for their assessment. If the ranking included multiple categories, list them. If you have any additional nuance to the reason MIT or SA+P received a ranking, add it here. Be brief and factual.**

*The full 2016-17 rankings — published by Quacquarelli Symonds, an organization specializing in education and study abroad — can be found at* [*topuniversities.com*](http://bit.ly/QSWUR16_PR)*. The QS rankings were based on research quality, graduate employment, teaching quality, and an assessment of the global diversity of faculty and students from 916 institutions worldwide. MIT earn a perfect 100 overall score for all categories combined.*

**PARAGRAPH 3: Add additional relevant information, such as sub-rankings or other categories associated with this organization’s methodology or conclusions. If need be, use multiple short paragraphs rather than one large paragraph.**

*MIT was also ranked the world’s top university in* [*12 of 42 disciplines*](http://news.mit.edu/2016/qs-world-university-rankings-rates-mit-no-1-in-12-subjects-0408) *ranked by QS, which were released from April to June.*

*Those top rankings included five of six disciplines in the “engineering and technology” category: chemical engineering; civil and structural engineering; computer science; electrical engineering; and mechanical, aeronautical, and manufacturing engineering. QS also ranked the Institute as the world’s best university in architecture; linguistics; chemistry; physics and astronomy; materials science; statistics; and economics.*

**PARAGRAPH 4: Offer a concluding paragraph that offers a comfortable ending. Possibilities include referring to related rankings; inserting a description of SA+P or the ranked department/program; or moving the past performance information here.**

*The Institute ranked among the top five institutions worldwide in another seven QS disciplines: mineral and mining engineering (2), art and design (2), accounting and finance (2), biological sciences (3), mathematics (3), environmental sciences (3), and earth and marine sciences (4). MIT also remained in sixth place in business and management studies for the second year.*

**Example #2**

**HEADLINE:**

*QS World University Rankings rates MIT No. 1 in 12 subjects for 2016*

*MIT ranked within the top 5 globally for 19 of 42 subject areas.*

**PARAGRAPH 1:**

*QS World University Rankings has unveiled its lineup of the world's top universities for 2016, by subject. MIT was honored with 12 No. 1 subject rankings, and 19 total top rankings (No. 5 or higher) out of 42 subjects.*

**PARAGRAPH 2:**

*MIT subject areas, as defined by QS, earning No. 1 rankings include: Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil and Structural Engineering, Computer Science and Information Systems, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Linguistics, Materials Science, Mechanical/Aeronautical/Manufacturing Engineering, Physics and Astronomy, and Statistics and Operational Research.*

**PARAGRAPH 3:**

*Additional high-ranking MIT subjects include: Accounting and Finance (No. 2), Art and Design (No. 2), Mineral and Mining Engineering (No. 2), Mathematics (No. 3), Environmental Science (No. 3), and Earth and Marine Sciences (No. 4).*

*Published annually by Quacquarelli Symonds Limited, the subject rankings are designed to help prospective students find the leading schools in their field of interest. QS rankings are based on academic reputation, employer reputation, and research accomplishments.*

**PARAGRAPH 4:**

*This past September, MIT was named the No. 1 university in the world by the QS World University Rankings. This marked the fourth straight year MIT has held the top spot.*

**Example #3**

**HEADLINE:**

*MIT ranks fifth in latest Times Higher Education rankings*

*Institute places No. 1 in the discipline ranking of engineering and technology.*

**PARAGRAPH 1:**

*MIT has been ranked the No. 5 university in the world in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) rankings, which were released today.*

**PARAGRAPH 2:**

*In rankings by discipline, MIT was ranked first in the world for engineering and technology and second in life sciences and physical sciences. The Institute also tied for second in social sciences with the University of Oxford.*

**PARAGRAPH 3:**

*In last year’s overall rankings, MIT was also ranked fifth; in 2011, the Institute was ranked seventh; and in 2010, it was ranked third. The California Institute of Technology was ranked first overall in the THE rankings for the third year in a row.*

**PARAGRAPH 4:**

*The THE rankings are computed based on 13 performance indicators in five areas: teaching, research, citations, industry income and international outlook. The full methodology can be viewed on the* [*THE website*](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2014/world-ranking)*.*