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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire scientists are among the nation's best in scientific research, according to a recent report from a national institute in Philadelphia that ranks high-impact U.S. universities.

The Institute for Scientific Information, which ranked universities based on how frequently their work was cited by other researchers, found that UNH scientists ranked third nationwide in geoscience research between 1994 and 1998, fourth in ecology/environmental science research between 1994 and 1998, and fourth in aquatic science research between 1995 and 1999.

The rankings included papers in scientific journals written by scientists in the top 100 federally funded U.S. universities that published at least 100 papers. Citations are important because they indicate cutting-edge scientific findings that lay the groundwork for advanced research, according to the institute's staff.

UNH was in the company of other top universities including Harvard University, Columbia University, Stanford University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Caltech, Carnegie Mellon University, the University of California, Irvine, the University of Alaska, the University of Hawaii, Oregon State University, and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Much of UNH's research in these highly ranked areas is conducted under the auspices of the university's internationally-renowned Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space (EOS), as well as in its College of Life Sciences and Agriculture.

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