



Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile



Overview

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC Chile), founded in 1888, is a leading and comprehensive higher education institution in Chile, committed to excellence in knowledge creation, education, and societal engagement across all disciplines, inspired by humanistic values and dedicated to serving the country.

With five campuses in Santiago and one in southern Chile, UC Chile hosts over 39,000 students, and offers 69 undergraduate programs, 100 master's programs, 39 accredited doctoral programs, 76 medical and dental specialties across 18 faculties, 34 schools and institutes, advancing cutting-edge research, professional training, and high-impact public engagement in all fields of knowledge.

Ranked 116th in the QS World University Rankings and 1st in the QS Latin America & The Caribbean Rankings (2026), UC Chile stands among the region's top universities and is a leading destination for global scholars.



Research

UC Chile contributes to national development and the global scientific community through high-impact research. In 2024, the University recorded 3,202 SCOPUS publications, 2,871 Web of Science publications, 901 basic research projects and 234 applied research projects, along with 798 active Fondecyt projects (National Individual Research Grants). UC Chile also leads in innovation, with 55 patent applications, 1,112 startups, and 37 spin-offs.

The institution sustains a robust research ecosystem across all disciplines, with 40 UC Research Centers, 31 ANID-funded Centers, 22 Technology Centers, and a Field Station Network (RCER) composed of four UC Field Stations, a UC Center and four associated organizations supporting interdisciplinary research in strategic ecosystems across Chile, from the Atacama Desert to southern regions, strengthening fieldwork, graduate education, and collaboration with local communities.



Internationalization

An active internationalization strategy drives UC Chile's global engagement. This is reflected in its participation in 67 international networks, more than 800 active agreements, over 1,300 incoming exchange students, and more than 1,200 UC Chile students abroad each year, a 24% international doctoral student body, 57.4% of co-authored publications with international partners, and 7.7% of the faculty being international.

UC Chile will provide Fulbrighters access to its diverse academic and research ecosystem, enabling them to engage with leading faculty, participate in academic activities, and benefit from the university's broad intellectual community.



Fields

UC Chile conducts high-quality research across all areas of knowledge, spanning fundamental science, applied research, technology transfer, and innovation. Its academic community drives discovery and problem-solving in fields ranging from the natural and exact sciences to engineering, the social sciences, the humanities, and the arts, involving students and researchers in all career stages. UC Chile has also made interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity core pillars of its research strategy, fostering collaborative approaches that integrate diverse perspectives and engage non-academic actors to address complex societal challenges.

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