

Universidad del Desarrollo (UDD) is an independent, coeducational, nondenominational university that provides undergraduate and graduate instruction in medicine, social sciences, and engineering, and the university is accredited in research by the Chilean Commission of Accreditation.

UDD's 10-member Board of Trustees¹ is responsible for the long-range strategy, policy, and planning of the University. It approves the operating and capital budgets, and supervises the investment of the University's endowment and long-term physical planning.

UDD's faculty comprises academic expertise in various disciplines, such as biomedicine, law, engineering, psychology, political science, public policy, economics, and business. This breadth of expertise enables the formation of multidisciplinary teams cooperating to describe, analyze and understand the societal impacts of the converging physical and environmental phenomena.

The geographical and climatological diversity within the country, together with the regular occurrence of natural disasters, plus an increasing scientific pool make Chile an excellent location for study and research about various disciplines related to basic and applied sciences.

¹ <http://www.udd.cl/acerca-de-la-udd/autoridades/consejo-directivo/>

UDD is known not only for its academic excellence, but also for its entrepreneurial focus, using it broadly to creatively solve problems and adapt to change. This feature has earned **UDD** a place of privilege in higher education in Chile and Latin America in only 26 years, since it was founded. Entrepreneurship and innovation are characteristics that distinguish its students, professors, and alumni, creating an interactive and dynamic environment. Ethics and public responsibility, the hallmark values of **UDD**, are encouraged not only in the classroom, but also in every research and outreach activity conducted at the university.

The main purpose of **UDD**'s researchers is to expand and consolidate the generation of highly competitive and recognized scientific production, pursuing knowledge and innovation that contributes to the economic, social, and cultural development of Chile.

An international parameter, the index H, which compares the scientific output of institution, as calculated by WOS, shows that only 14 of the Chilean universities accredited in Research by CNA have a score higher than 20 (6 G9, 4 state and 4 young universities).² **UDD** is one of the 4 young universities.

The institutionalization of **UDD**'s research has been formalized in policies and regulations, which encourage collaboration across fields and adhere to the highest international standards of ethical conduct in planning, executing, revising, and presenting research results.

² <https://www.cnachile.cl/Paginas/buscador-avanzado.aspx>