

University of Alcalá



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# History and Tradition

The UAH was founded as a **General Study (*Studium Generale*)** by King Sancho IV in **1293**, and took definitive shape in 1499 under Cardinal Cisneros.

In 1998 UNESCO declared it one of the four universities in the world distinguished as a **World Heritage Site** for its impressive architectural inheritance.

World famous for its defense and promotion of Spanish-language literature through the **Cervantes Prize, which is awarded annually.**

It is also the site where King Juan Carlos I awards the **Prize for Human Rights.**



# Data

- 16,000 Undergraduate Students
- 13,000 Graduate Students.
- 1,800 Teaching and Research Staff
- 800 Administrative Staff
- 36 Undergraduate Degrees
- 46 Research Masters Programs
- 25 PhD Programs



# Location

## Strategic Location:

- Mid-size university town with lively student life
- Near Madrid (28 Km; 18 miles): Largest political, economic and cultural centre in Spain
- Well Connected: Bus lines, trains, and highways
- Located in the “Henares Corridor”:  
a dynamic and vigorous business area

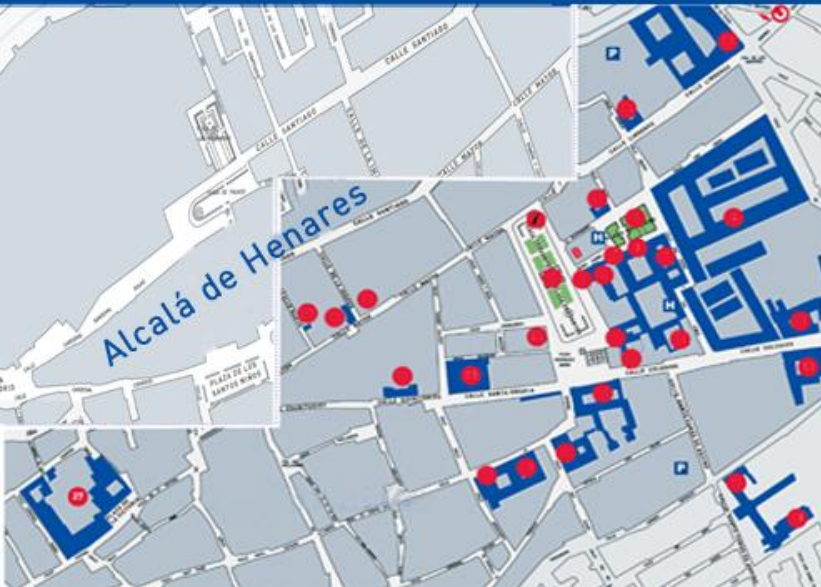




# Campuses

Distributed among 3 Campuses:

## Historical Campus



## Scientific-technological Campus



## Guadalajara Campus

## Modern Infrastructures in Historic Buildings

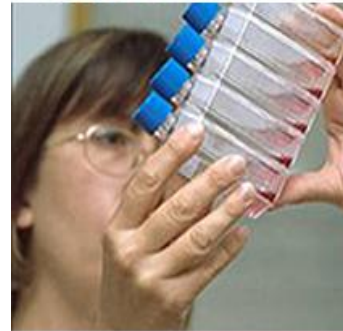
- **9** Schools or Divisions
- **16** Libraries containing 2,700 readers' seats  
(**European Excellence Seal 400 +**)
- **26** Computer laboratories with free access for University Students and Staff
- **24** Multimedia and videoconference lecture rooms, equipped with the latest audiovisual and computer technology
- Over **1,200** Campus residence berths





# Research

- **1,800** Researchers
- **450** Research Assistants
- **140** Research Groups
- Large number of **Patents** and Scientific **Publications**





# Teaching and Research Support Centers

- 14 Research Institutes or Research Support Centres
- 5 Associated Hospitals where practical teaching sessions are held
- Scientific-Technological Park
- Botanical Garden Juan Carlos I



# Campus of International Excellence: “Smart Energy”

• **The University of Alcalá (UAH)**, along with four other Spanish public universities (Rey Juan Carlos University, University of Alcalá, University of Murcia, Polytechnic University of Cartagena and University of Extremadura), has been declared **Campus of International Excellence** on “SMART ENERGY: BIOENERGY & SMART CITIES” relating to the fields of **Bioenergy and Smart Infrastructures**.

## RESEARCH TOPICS:

- Research on new sources of energy that will foster economic growth
- Infrastructure development that will optimize energy use

• <http://campusenergiainteligente.uah.es>



# 11 Endowed Chairs

Chair	Sponsor	Chair	Sponsor
Chair in Corporate Social Responsibility	Santander Bank, 3M Foundation, Mapfre Foundation and Telefónica	Chair in Digital Security and Internet for the Future	Amaranto Eurogroup
Endowment Fund for Chair in Teaching and Research in Primary Care	SEMERGEN (Spanish Society of Primary Care Physicians )	Chair in Information Technologies and Communication, Security and Defense	INDRA
Endowment Fund for Chair in Teaching and Research in Pharmaceutical Care	NORMON Laboratories	Chair in Democracy and Human Rights	Ombudsman
Chair in Personal Autonomy (CAPTA)	Telefónica	Chair in Auto-Immune Inflammatory Diseases of UAH-MSD S.A.	Merck Sharp and Dohme of España
Chair in Information Technology for Health and Accessibility	Vodafone	Chair in Technologies of Monitoring and Wireless Control Applied to Intelligent Environments – Smarththingslab	Advantic Systems and Services, S.L.
		Jean Monnet Chair	European Union



# 2500 Firms collaborate with UAH



La Universidad de Alcalá agradece su colaboración a:



# A University with Strong Social Commitments

**The UAH promotes social commitment, responsible citizenship and humanistic values through active support for:**

- Respect for diversity
- Support for people with disabilities
- Defence of Human Rights and equality
- Voluntary work, cooperation, and corporate social responsibility



# Positions in Rankings (1/3)

- We rank among the top **650 universities in the world** according to *QS World University Ranking*.
- We have been declared by the Spanish Government **Campus of International Excellence** on “SMART ENERGY: BIOENERGY & SMART CITIES”
- We are **the 1st Spanish university and the 184th in the world in reception of international students**, according to *QS World University Ranking, 2012*.
- Several of our bachelor’s and Master’s degrees rank among the **top 5** in Spain
- **Leading university in Spain** and the 31st in the world **in environmental sustainability** (“GreenMetric”)
- Top ten Spanish universities in **research productivity, number of doctoral dissertations, and patents** (Ranking de la Universidad de Granada)





## Positions in Rankings (2/3)

- We rank among the best universities in Spain in **teaching quality** according to the 2010 report of the CYD Foundation.
- We rank 16th among Spanish universities in **visibility in social networks** according to Facebook and 35th according to Twitter.
- We rank among the **10 most transparent universities in Spain** in terms of the information available on our Web page, (Fundación Compromiso y Transparencia).



## Positions in Rankings (3/3)



**The UAH is a 4-Star University**



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# ALCALINGUA: Spanish Language Centre for Foreign Students

- Spanish Language, Culture and Communication. In-class and online teaching
- Courses designed for different levels of knowledge and intensity
- Courses in Spanish for specific Purposes
  - Spanish for Business
  - Spanish for Tourism
  - Teacher Training
- Certified Exams



Alcalingua takes in every year over **1,000 students** from over **50 different countries**



# Other Languages at UAH

- ✓ **British Council**
- ✓ **Goethe Institut**
- ✓ **Foreign Languages Center:**
  - Arabic
  - Chinese
  - French
  - Italian
  - Japanese
  - Portuguese
  - Russian



# Student Guidance & Support

## Guidance Services:

- Pedagogical attention
- Psychological attention
- Educational workshops

## Employment Office:

- Employment guidance
- Assistance to employers in obtaining and selecting student CVs





# Other Centres

- Writing School
- Fine Arts Workshops
- Music Workshops
- University Choir
- University Orchestra
- Film Club
- Theater
- Dance
- Flamenco





# Sports & Recreation

## Sport Clubs

Aikido, Kajukenbo, Kenjutsu,  
Badminton, Boxing, Rock Climbing,  
Fencing, Archery, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi...

- **Outdoor Activities:**

Field Trips, Mountain Climbing, Hiking  
Skiing Trips

- **Agreements with other Sports Facilities:**

Bowling Alleys, Gyms, Golf Club, Swimming &  
Sailing Clubs, Diving

- **Tournaments**



# The University of Alcalá offers...

**Strong Teaching and Research**

**Wide range of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees**

**Courses taught in English**

**Automatic Recognition of our degrees in 47 countries**

**Subsidized Tuition Fees**

**Privileged location**

**Magnificent facilities and infrastructures**

**Multicultural environment**



# Strategies of Internationalization





# We promote internationalisation because...

## Attracting international Students, Professors and Researchers

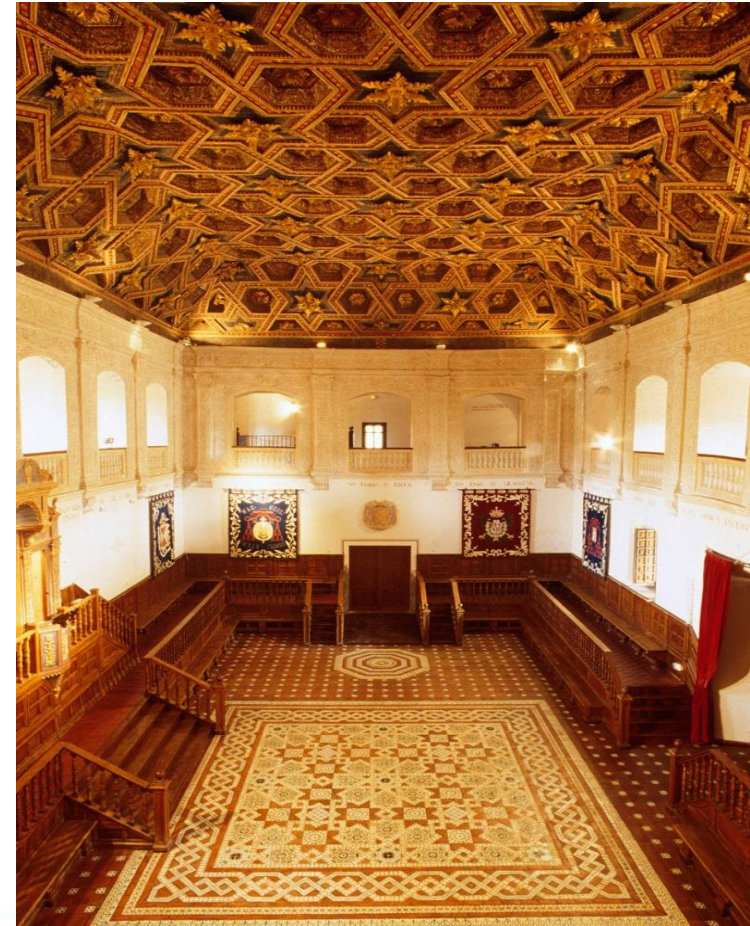
- Allows us to choose the best students and professors
- It enriches our classrooms with students and professors who have diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- It opens new opportunities for our students to visit foreign universities.
- It allows us to increase tuition revenues.
- It increases the production of doctoral theses.
- It generates competitiveness and academic excellence in teaching and research.



# We promote internationalisation because...

## Mobility for UAH Professors, Researchers and Students

- It promotes the personal and professional development of the participants in international programmes.
- It facilitates the learning of other languages and cultures.
- It increases productivity and entrepreneurial spirit.
- It improves the employability of our students.
- It increases the attractiveness and adds value to our degree programmes.



# When does a university become an International University?

**When students and academics from around the world think of us as an attractive place for their professional interests**

When foreign students wish to come to study at our university

When foreign researchers wish to work in joint projects with our researchers

When foreign professors recommend their students to work on their dissertations at our university....





# Statistics

## International Students at UAH 2011/12

Undergraduate Studies	6%
Master's Degrees	30%
Doctoral Degrees	37%
UAH Degrees	35%
All Degree students	14%
Counting Mobility Programmes	21%



Foreign Exchange Students (Erasmus and others)

Visiting Students

Alcalingua Students

Study Abroad Programs

**TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 5600**

United States:	900	Latin America:	2200
China:	500	Europe:	1350

# Statistics

## UAH participants in Mobility Stays (2011/12)

**Students:** 3.8% of Undergraduate Students

Erasmus Grants: 90%

The remaining 10% between the US,  
Latin America and Asia

**UAH Professors** on mobility stays: **12%**



## Teaching in English

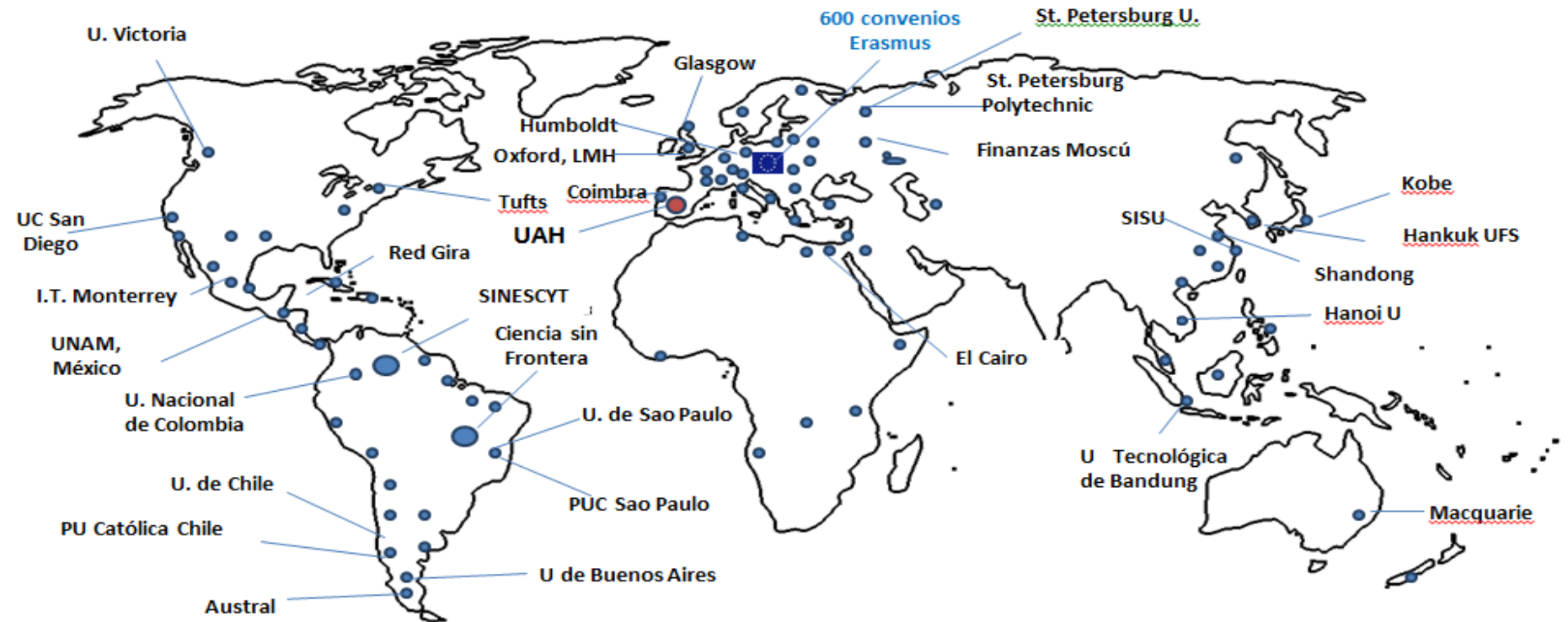
- More than 170 UAH instructors are accredited to teach in English
- 140 subjects taught in English
- 9 bilingual undergraduate degrees (50% taught in English)
- 6 Master's taught in English
- “Learn to Teach” Language support classes taught by the British Council





# A University Open to the World

## Universidades Socias de la UAH / UAH Partner Universities



750 Convenios / 750 Agreements

1500 plazas de intercambio en 55 países / 1500 placements in 55 countries



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# Strategies of internationalisation of UAH

- I. Standing in international rankings
- II. Mobility of students
- III. Mobility of teaching staff
- IV. Joint research projects
- IV. Mobility of non-teaching staff
- V. Cooperation projects toward further development and volunteer work
- VI. Double majors and other pre-established mobility programs





# Strategies of internationalisation of UAH

## I. Mobility of UAH Students Abroad (1/3) Programs

### Mobility Programs for:

- ❖ Undergraduate Studies
- ❖ Master's Studies
- ❖ Doctorate Studies
- ❖ Internships
- ❖ Final Projects for Undergraduate and Master's students
- ❖ Cooperation toward development and volunteer work
- ❖ Summer Grants
- ❖ Teaching Programs abroad
- ❖ Lecturers of Spanish





# Strategies of internationalisation of UAH

## I. Mobility of UAH Students Abroad (2/3)

### Financial Aid

- Erasmus Grants to Undergrad and Master's Students
- Grants sponsored by the Santander Bank for students who wish to go to Latin America
- Global UAH-Mobility Grants for all other countries.
- Internship Grants
- Grants for specific destinations (universities, governments...)
- 1500 tuition-free placements in 400 universities in 55 countries



# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## I. Mobility of UAH Students to Foreign Universities (3/3): **Recognition of Studies Undertaken**

- Guarantee the **recognition of credits** earned abroad through previous agreements between coordinators and students
- **Double degree awards** which increase the added value of our degrees
- **International Doctorates**, European Doctorates: interuniversity agreements with partner universities

## II. Attracting International Students (1/4) Information

- Improve the information about UAH on the webpage
- Social Networks
- Exhibitions and conferences
- Educational Magazines
- International Web Portal containing academic information
- **Promote participation in international Rankings.**





## II. Attracting International Students (2/4)

### Academic Conditions

- Flexible admission requirements (previous studies, language, etc.)
- Recognition of previous credits earned
- Classes taught in English for students who do not have a strong grounding in Spanish
- Special programs with courses taught in Spanish for international students with language difficulties
- Double major students

# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## II Attracting International Students (3/4)

**Prepare an infrastructure able to deal with matters related to international students:**

- Travel Visas
- Insurance
- Lodging
- Academic registration
- Linguistic Support
- Illnesses and accidents

**Helpful and knowledgeable,  
multi-lingual staff**



# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## II Attracting International Students (4/4)

### Financial Aid

- ❖ Waive tuition fees for exchange students
- ❖ Lodging grants for Master's students "Miguel Cervantes"
- ❖ Lodging grants for participants in the PhD Co-Tutorship programme "María de Guzmán"
- ❖ Information about grants and aid from other institutions





# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## III. Attracting International Professors and Researchers

- **Strategic Alliance Program** to attract students, professors and researchers from prestigious universities for temporary stays (Univ. of Glasgow, LMH at Oxford, Humboldt,... )
- Facilitate the use of university resources (housing, library, laboratories, computer labs, parking availability...)
- UAH Grants for international professors and researchers



# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## IV. Mobility of UAH Professors and Researchers

- Policy of sabbatical leaves
- UAH Grants
- Erasmus Grants for short stays
- Support of external financial aid applications

### Teaching abroad programs:

- SISU
- Teaching Programs in Chile, Ecuador...
- Science without Borders (Brazil)





# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## V. Mobility of Non-Teaching Staff

Erasmus Personal Mobility Grants for training purposes





# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## Academic Internships Abroad

All UAH students have to complete 6 to 30 credits in internships (between 150 to 750 internship hours)

- Erasmus Internship Grants and information regarding Internship placements
- Promoting company agreements (database)
- Promoting agreements with organizations which look for companies

[http://www.uah.es/internacionales/practicas\\_extranjero.shtm](http://www.uah.es/internacionales/practicas_extranjero.shtm)



# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

<http://www.uah.es/internacionales/movilidad.shtm>

**Scholarships and aid from the UAH  
for International Mobility**

Students

Teachers and Researchers

Services and Administration Staff

Other Grants and Aid to further  
International Mobility



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# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## International Co-operation and Volunteering

We offer support for preparation of **cooperative international projects**

*The Volunteers Office* promotes the participation of the university community in international projects in collaboration with NGOs and other support groups.





# Strategies for the internationalisation of UAH

## UAH offices in other countries

- **México D.F.**
- **Santiago de Chile**
- **Shanghai**
- **Brussels**



# Successful Partnerships



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## Erasmus Program

We have agreements with more than **300 universities**, with whom we exchange approximately **500 students** each way every year.

The European Union provides **grants** (approximately 200 Euros/month) and some governments and/or universities provide additional financial aid.

Universities sign agreements with universities with which they wish to become partners to exchange students at the **undergraduate** level, **Master's** level and/or staff exchange. There are also grants for **internships**

Students pay tuition at the university of origin but not at the university of destination

All participating universities agree to **recognize credits** earned abroad.



# Successful Partnerships

## Campus Europae

A network of **18 universities** from the **EU and eastern Europe** which grant free tuition to each others' students.

Provides an **Erasmus-like experience** to Eastern Europeans who are not eligible for participation in the Erasmus program

Students who do two years abroad within the Campus Europae network obtain a diploma called the CE degree

Provides **study-related internships** for students

Provides **online linguistic support** to students participating in the program

**Double or multiple degrees** under study

# Successful Partnerships

## LMH Grant at Oxford University

- A room and board grant per quarter for a UAH professor at LMH College at Oxford University 3 times each year.
- Expected to participate in academic and social activities
- Expected to give at least one conference or seminar
- **Foster contact and interaction among researchers from UAH and the U. of Oxford.**



# Successful Partnerships

## Preferred Partners Program with the University of Glasgow

### Financing short-term stays for professors in different fields.

Institutional support of both universities

Universities with similar characteristics: Fields of study, size, aims, international students...

We have promoted contacts and agreements among professors in the following areas:

Law	Psychology
English Studies	Hispanic Studies
History	Chemistry
Environmental Studies	Engineering



# Successful Partnerships

## Science without Borders Program

Financed by the **Brazilian government**, thousands of students from the Federal Universities of this country take advantage of **mobility stays** in other universities.

The Brazilian government pays students tuition and living expenses. In the near future, other phases will be implemented, for example:

- a. Undergraduate students for placements** in both countries from 6 to 12 months;
- b. Doctoral students** for the completion of the 4 year doctorate;
- c. Doctoral training for placements in both countries for 3 to 12 months;
- d. Doctors** for placements of 6 to 24 months;
- e. Researchers** for placements of 3 to 6 months;
- f. Researchers, specialists and technicians for stays of 4 to 12 months;
- g. Doctoral researchers** for placements of 2 to 3 years **in Brazil**;
- h. Visiting researchers** for 1 to 3 months **in Brazil**

# Successful Partnerships

## SINESCYT Program

The Ecuadorian government is taking the first steps to implement an ambitious educational program through which the best students will be encouraged to take their degrees in one of **750 universities** from around the world chosen to participate in this program.

This program also considers the possibility of **inviting foreign professors** to teach and participate in research projects in Ecuador.



# Successful Partnerships: Double Degree Agreements

**12 Double Degree Agreements at the Undergraduate Level**

**4 Double Degree Agreements at the Master's Level**

**18 Co-tutorships Agreements at the PhD Level**





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