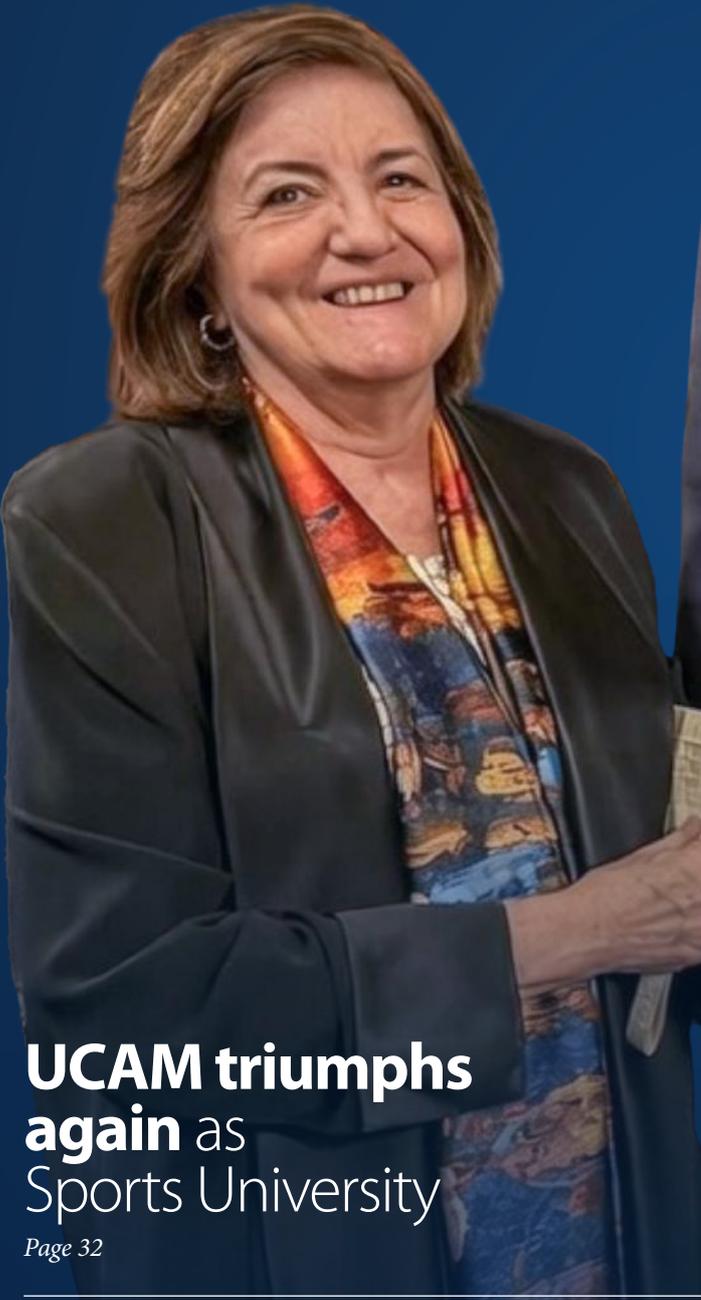
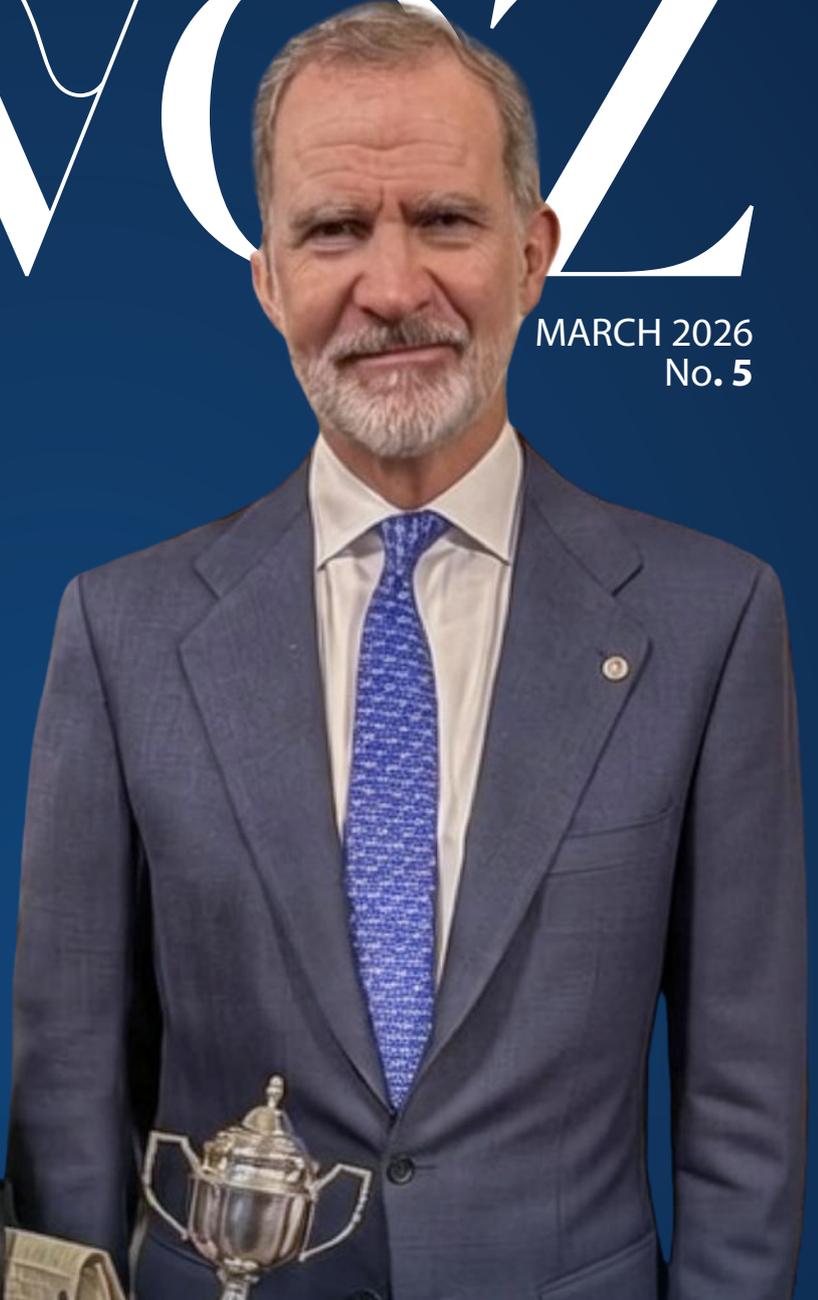


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# Madrid Campus takes off in health, nutrition and sports

*Pre-registration is now open to study from September the degrees in Nursing, Physiotherapy, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology and the double degree in Food Science and Technology with Nutrition, at the new UCAM facilities in Torrejón de Ardoz.*



*Online degree examinations held in January.*

The UCAM Campus, in collaboration with the Spanish Olympic Committee, in Torrejón de Ardoz is now ready to begin the 2026/2027 academic year, focused on training, research and knowledge transfer in health, nutrition and sport. The academic planning foresees the implementation of four undergraduate degrees in the health and sports field, and simultaneous studies in the nutrition area. This is an offer based on the University's specialization after its three decades of history, areas in which its quality is recognized by international rankings.

The opening of pre-registration for these official programs is announced following the first academic activity last January, when the Madrid Campus served as an examination center for undergraduate and graduate students in the online modality, with nearly two hundred students from the areas of education, business, law, psychology, nutrition and engineering called to attend classes. This debut of the campus confirmed the operability of its services and the availability of its spaces and resources to host in-person evaluations and, in a few months, its classrooms



## Teaching activity will begin in September with five degrees

will be full of on-campus degree students.

At the inauguration of the Campus last December, the president of UCAM, María Dolores García, emphasized the investment made to enable the campus and equip it with scientific and teaching equipment, stating that the institution would continue "promoting excellence in research, the training of competent professionals and, above all, of free people, with

judgment and solidarity." The start of academic activity at the Madrid Campus also confirms what the president of the Community of Madrid, Isabel Díaz Ayuso, then stated about UCAM: "it is committed to academic excellence, internationalization, sport as a way of life, Olympic values, and innovation in a project that is based on fundamental values for life, such as work, teamwork, self-improvement, and effort."

And the fact is that the University, which allocates 20 million euros to this project in its first phase, generating more than 200 jobs, presents itself with a space of more than a space of more than 11,500 m<sup>2</sup> spread across two buildings that include laboratories, specialized classrooms, study rooms, auditorium, chapel, cafeteria and areas for coexistence and recreation. This

endowment fosters a formative ecosystem with clear emphasis on practice, comprehensive student care, participation in cultural and social activities in line with UCAM's Christian humanist ideology and access to applied technology.

While work is underway on the implementation of new degrees and official master's programs for successive academic years, the Campus already has its new, modern and accessible infrastructure enabled, with an architecture designed to consolidate in Madrid its educational model of excellence based on small groups and personalized tutoring. For health-related degrees, it has laboratories, simulation rooms and specific state-of-the-art equipment for the clinical training of future professionals. With regard to nutrition stu-



The Campus is located on Avenida de la Constitución, in Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid).



dies, the emphasis is on testing rooms and laboratories for analysis, food safety and product innovation. The experience at the Murcia campus, with university hospitals, practice networks and consolidated research groups, constitutes the model that is now expanding to Madrid, promoting teacher mobility and the extension of cross-cutting research lines.

For its part, the location in Torrejón de Ardoz promotes the integration of the Campus into the Madrid metropolitan area. Situated about 20 kilometers east of Spain's capital and half an hour from the center, the city's strategic location in the Henares Corridor favors its growth as an emerging urban hub. A young and dynamic city, it houses the European Union Satellite Centre, the National Institute of Aerospace Technology and a NATO base, with numerous cultural attractions and potential as a key economic driver in logistics and technology.

From the employability perspective, the planned degrees connect with sectors that require qualified profiles in healthcare, prevention, healthy habits, food innovation and sports performance, areas in which UCAM has accumulated academic experience and



*Health and Nutrition students use specialized labs and simulation rooms for hands on learning.*



transfer with national and international public and private institutions. The alliance with the COE adds a unique framework for experiential learning and contact with high performance, enriching the curriculum with Olympic values and methodologies oriented toward professional practice.

The UCAM's commitment to this specialized center is endorsed by international rankings, such as that of the consulting firm Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), which awarded the Catholic University its highest rating of 5 stars in the 'Stars Rating' by highlighting its teaching, research and internationalization, being the 9th in Spain in diversity of student origin. In the 'QS World University Rankings: Europe 26' it appears in the 301+ bracket in Europe in academic and employer reputation and, on a global scale, in the 511-520 range (among nearly 5,000) and in the 'Top 10' of Spanish private univer-

sities. It also stands out as the 40th in the world in educational quality in the 'Impact Ranking' of Times Higher Education and in the 'Top 20' of Forbes. In addition to achieving the Transparency Accreditation from the HAZ Foundation, it is the first Spanish university with consultative status before the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

With pre-registration active and personalized information for students and families, the UCAM-COE Madrid Campus is preparing for the demand for places by enabling applicants who have not completed the access require-

## Pre-registration is now open for the 2026-2027 academic year

ments—such as passing the EBAU or completing higher-level vocational training studies—to reserve a place in the program of their choice,

under the premise of providing the necessary documentation by June 19. In this way, applicants can guarantee their right of preference while completing their previous studies.



### BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN:

Physiotherapy

Human Nutrition and Dietetics

Food Science and Technology  
+ Degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

Nursing\*

Psychology



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UCAM-ESESA headquarters, located in the emblematic 'La Tabacalera' complex, in Málaga.

# UCAM expands to Malaga

## with the acquisition of ESESA Business School

*After the recent inauguration of the Madrid Campus, the Catholic University of Murcia incorporates ESESA.*

**U**CAM-ESESA was created with the vocation of being a strategic partner for companies and entities that need talent with technological criteria and execution capacity to scale traditional businesses, professionalize family businesses and build solid international projects. For this purpose, it will work in close collaboration with entities such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Confederation of Employers and professional associations of Málaga.

María Dolores García, president of the University, explains that "UCAM-ESESA will be connected with our global network of alliances to bring value to the productive fabric of Málaga, by offering executives and professionals cutting-edge tools to compete in an increasingly demanding and globalized market".

The UCAM, which has incorporated the professionals who made up the ESESA staff, will maintain the original essence of this entity, continuing with the teaching of its current master's degrees in Marketing, Finance, Tax Consulting and Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence. The advisory council will continue to be chaired by the Málaga City Council, by the councilor of the

**The new headquarters will have a distinguished international outlook, offering specialised training in the service of businesses**

area of Innovation, Urban Digitalization, Promotion of Technological and Business Investment and attraction of Investments and delegate of Universities, Alicia Izquierdo.

Framed within solid growth following the recent openings of its campuses in Madrid, in partnership with the COE, and India, this incorporation is another step in UCAM's mission to serve society through excellence in education and university-business knowledge transfer.

# Quality Teaching and Applied Research in the Global University

*Josefina García Lozano has been the rector of UCAM since 2008. In this time she has established a distinctive academic model, whose quality has internal controls, accreditation of ANECA and the recognition of national and international rankings. Now she faces the expansion of UCAM as an exciting challenge.*

*Will the UCAM educational model, which is producing such good results, be maintained in Madrid?*

It is going to be the same one we bet on almost thirty years ago and with which we have been working; we are going to deploy it exactly the same way in the different locations. It's a lot of work, but we're going to do it because it's the right thing to do.

*How will the profile and organization of the teaching staff be?*

There will be professors from the Murcia campus who will transfer permanently to Madrid, others will have mobility and the new ones, whom we are already incorporating, are being trained here to work there. All of this with the purpose of having unified faculties, with

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**The UCAM model pillars and values will be the same wherever we are”**





the same methodologies, processes, procedures and evaluations. It is about ensuring that the way of doing things in Madrid or anywhere else is the same as in Murcia and Cartagena.

***How will they preserve UCAM's Catholic identity?***

Evangelization is a fundamental pillar of our university and it will be wherever it is. The students will listen to the messages inherent to Christian humanism, on which our institution is founded and, from there, each one may freely make their own decisions. This is guaranteed through the subjects of the Comprehensive Education Module, with the figure of personal tutors and the seminars of the Vice-Rectorate of University Extension, where there is a very important area, which is that of University Pastoral Care, in addition to the Chaplaincy.

***How does it address the other expansion, internationalization?***

The university, as a concept, has always been global, but now much more so. Thirty years ago we perceived the world as continuously changing; today we know that we live in a global environment. There are no barriers; they have been torn down or have disappeared, so we cannot think in a localist environment, not even at a country level. The minimum is to think about Europe and the appropriate thing is a global international environment. We prepare our students so they can develop their skills in any country in the world and



**We prepare our students to develop their skills in any country in the world”**

for this we offer them the possibility of doing part of their training in other countries, so they can learn about other cultures, but we also teach classes here in another language, by our own professors or from other countries, for whom training, mobility and collaboration is fundamental.

***It is a much broader process than incorporating foreign students***

Without a doubt. It is about training in languages, having degrees in English, facilitating intercultural richness, reaching agreements with foreign universities, even in the area of cooperation for research through agreements that produce important results in different locations. The concept of internationalization is very broad. It is about opening the university to the world.

***How do degrees adapt to changes?***

The environment is so dynamic, it moves at such a pace, that it generates new needs and demand for new professions, so we universities have to address those needs, to which we must be attentive in order to anticipate them and create degrees that do not currently exist but that will respond to demands that we know will arise. And, on the other hand, that dynamism leads us to a constant revision of traditional titles, which to a large extent will continue to exist but with updates.

***In this dynamic, what importance do you give to relationships between universities?***

They are essential. No university, company or person can progress on their own. It is essential to cooperate, because cooperation always yields much broader and more relevant results. National and international collaboration between universities is fundamental, and in fact today it is a common practice, in which our university is very much involved.

***How do you see the evolution of the relation university-company?***

We come from a history of hundreds of years in which the university was like the temple of knowledge, it was



not necessary for it to relate to others. But now we are in very different circumstances; there are many initiatives that must be developed in collaboration with business, which must participate in innovation processes together with the university, with people in both spheres collaborating with each other. This is how we do it at UCAM, since only in this way are the true needs of companies known, to which our students arrive prepared to join and develop their skills. Furthermore, business is increasingly innovative, for which it has its own R&D departments, and it is very important that the centers where knowledge is created and resides work in collaboration so that the result is better than if it were produced in isolation.

***How should university autonomy be reconciled with government control?***

The relationship between the university and the administration must be based on trust, the result of a path in which one must leave traces of what one does, because we must be evaluated on everything we do. But evaluation is one thing and auditing is another, which leads nowhere, except to disaffection and lack of results. The

university should be the first interested party in having evaluation, in offering guarantees, excellence and in being transparent, under positive monitoring that helps to build, to be better. But a resounding no to rigid control and auditing that paralyzes.

***Should the administration finance public service research carried out in private universities?***

It should finance researchers who are good, wherever they are, whose results are going to be applied to society. Those efficient and productive researchers, regardless of the university they belong to, should have support, based on the results and excellence of their work, both from the private sector, which we already take care of seeking and until now it has fundamentally been so, and public. It is about financing and helping to achieve advances that do not remain in an institution, but rather go to society to contribute to making it better, to making it advance and offer more possibilities. It cannot be understood that it should not be so since, moreover, public funds come from all citizens and the results of research benefit all of them.



**It is essential to develop youth talent researcher and retain talent”**

***The UCAM Doctoral School is the second one accredited by ANECA. How do you value this pool of researchers?***

One of the priority objectives of UCAM is to have a strong pool of researchers, including even our own students, who are enthusiastic about it, who are not conformist, who always want to go further, who are constantly asking themselves why and what more can be done, and who value pursuing a scientific career. Knowledge must necessarily be expanded through research and those new developments and contributions must then be brought to university classrooms. That's why we have to develop a research base in the universities themselves and contribute to talent retention.



## Oferta académica de grados

### Facultad de **Medicina**

- Medicina<sup>(1)</sup>
- Medicina (**Cartagena**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Odontología<sup>(1)</sup>
- Bachelor's in Dentistry (**Cartagena**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Psicología<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Psicología (**Madrid**)<sup>(1)\*</sup>
- Bachelor's in Psychology<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Ciencias de la Salud**

- Veterinaria (Bilingüe)<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Farmacia y Nutrición**

- Biotecnología<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ciencia y Tecnología de los Alimentos<sup>(2)</sup>
- Ciencia y Tecnología de los Alimentos + Nutrición Humana y Dietética (**Madrid**)<sup>(2)</sup>
- Nutrición Humana y Dietética<sup>(1)</sup>
- Nutrición Humana y Dietética (**Madrid**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Farmacia<sup>(1)</sup>
- Gastronomía<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Educación**

- Educación Infantil<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Educación Primaria<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Traducción e Interpretación<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Economía y Empresa**

- Administración y Dirección de Empresas<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Bachelor's Business Administration<sup>(1)</sup>
- Marketing y Dirección Comercial<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Turismo y Dirección de Empresas Turísticas<sup>(3)</sup>

### Facultad de **Fisioterapia, Podología y Terapia Ocupacional**

- Fisioterapia<sup>(1)</sup>
- Fisioterapia (**Cartagena**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Fisioterapia (**Madrid**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Podología<sup>(1)</sup>
- Terapia Ocupacional<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Deporte**

- Ciencias de la Actividad Física y del Deporte<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ciencias de la Actividad Física y del Deporte (**Cartagena**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Bachelor's Physical Activity and Sport Sciences<sup>(1)</sup>

### Facultad de **Enfermería**

- Enfermería<sup>(1)</sup>
- Enfermería (**Cartagena**)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Enfermería (**Madrid**)<sup>(1)\*</sup>

### Facultad de **Derecho**

- Criminología<sup>(2)</sup>
- Criminología (**Cartagena**)<sup>(2)</sup>
- Derecho<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Relaciones Laborales y Recursos Humanos<sup>(3)</sup>

### Facultad de **Ciencias Sociales y de la Comunicación**

- Periodismo<sup>(1)</sup>
- Periodismo + Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Digital Communication (University of Limerick)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Comunicación Audiovisual<sup>(1)</sup>
- Publicidad, Relaciones Públicas y Marketing de Contenidos<sup>(1)</sup>
- Bachelor's in International Relations<sup>(1)</sup>

### Escuela **Politécnica Superior**

- Fundamentos de la Arquitectura<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ingeniería Civil<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ingeniería de Edificación (Arquitecto Técnico)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ingeniería Informática<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Ingeniería en Tecnologías de Telecomunicación<sup>(1)(3)</sup>

(1) Presencial (2) Semipresencial (3) Online  
\*En tramitación



# Leading the Way in Academic Excellence and Employer Reputation in Europe

*The European companies offer a good assessment of the graduates of the Catholic University of San Antonio, which is the result of the quality of its educational model. This is how QS reflects it in its 'World University Ranking: Europe 2026'.*



The prestigious company specialized in the analysis of higher education institutions worldwide, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), once again highlights the educational excellence of the Católica, especially in the indicators 'Academic Reputation' and 'Employer Reputation', placing it, in both, in the 301+ range.

At a global level

**511 - 520**

of the continent, where there are nearly 5,000 universities.

**In the Top 10** of private universities in Spain

**Among the 252 European universities** in diversity of international students  
**-9th in Spain-**





## Prestige in the rankings

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QS Stars  
Rating System

Awards it

**'5 Stars'**

particularly highlighting its teaching model, the inclusivity of its university campuses, its internationalization,

**online training and  
commitment to its students.**

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Fundación HAZ

La Católica receives the highest seal,

**'Three Stars'**

for its

**transparency and  
social commitment,**

positioning itself as the third private university in Spain.

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World  
University  
Rankings 2026

Recognizes it as the

**3rd private university**

in Spain in

**research and  
knowledge transfer.**

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# Standing with the most vulnerable

*Students and workers of UCAM collaborate in volunteer work and social cooperation promoted by the University*

Today's society continues to suffer from the problem of inequality which means that there are people at risk of exclusion in need of help from professionals and volunteers who facilitate their daily tasks.

Students and workers of UCAM respond to this situation by providing a great service in areas such as education, care for the elderly, people with disabilities, health, etc.

There are many solidarity actions they carry out through the channels that the Catholic University offers to collaborate with social organizations that work in favor of those most in need.

UCAM students dedicate themselves each year by devoting part of their free time in areas such as nursing homes, through companionship work and the development of cultural, sports and recreational activities; participating in the distribution of basic goods through organizations such as Cáritas, Food Bank and Jesús Abandonado or providing their support in educational tasks.

## **In other countries**

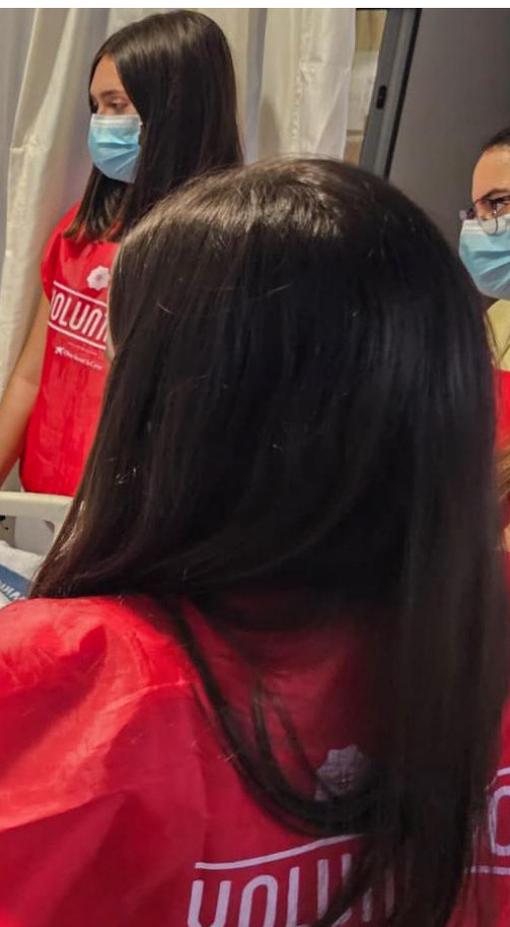
At the international level, notable is the healthcare collaboration carried out by professors and professionals linked to the Catholic University of Saint Anthony in annual expeditions such as those of the NGO Worldproject in Kikaya (Uganda) to train healthcare workers, provide materials (for example, defibrillators) and support a clinic and ambulance offering free care to people in need in the area.



Similarly, numerous members of the UCAM university community carry out important work in South American countries, especially improving the training of professionals and collaborating in the healthcare field in poor areas of these latitudes. Added to this is the initiative of the University Platform for Peace, aimed at providing aid in war crises in any part of the world.

## **International volunteer exhibition**

With the dual purpose of giving visibility to the work of social organizations and allowing visitors to learn how to collaborate with them, the International Institute of Charity and Volunteering of UCAM organizes the International Volunteering Exhibition every year. Murcia and Cartagena host this event, which brings together more than 100 social and charitable organizations.



## Sport and solidarity culture

Sport is also a fundamental instrument to help the most disadvantaged. The University teams organize charity events whose proceeds go to social causes. An example is the football match between UCAM Murcia and Real Murcia that takes place at Christmas, as well as the various races, where the entire university community expresses its most supportive spirit. The same occurs in the cultural sphere, with the concerts of the UCAM Symphony Orchestra, such as the one organized with Caritas so that no child is left without a toy at Christmas or at the National Auditorium in Madrid.

The spirit of solidarity of the community of the Catholic University San Antonio is an example of the social commitment of people who selflessly engage every day in helping the forgotten, those who suffer from inequality caused by selfishness and indifference that, unfortunately, remains latent in society.



**The University also performs its social work in areas disadvantaged of Africa and America**

# Artisans of Hope

The Jubilee Year of Hope, celebrated this past 2025, bore great fruits of faith, peace, solidarity and, most importantly, facilitated the encounter of pilgrims with Jesus Christ. The event brought together millions of people in Rome, which required deploying large-scale logistics in which the work carried out by volunteers was essential.

## **The Pope highlights the work of volunteers and representatives of civil and ecclesiastical institutions participating in the Jubilee**

Pope Leo XIV values this task very positively. For this reason, he held a meeting at the Vatican with the 5,000 volunteers participating in the Jubilee from different parts of the world. The Holy Father stated that "the silent work of thousands of people reminds us that Christian hope remains a shared responsibility, especially toward the new generations."

Likewise, the Pontiff emphasized that thanks to this joint effort of volunteers and local institutions "more than thirty million pilgrims were able to experience the jubilee journey in an atmosphere of celebration, recollection, order and organization. Rome was able to show itself as a welcoming home, an open and respectful community, capable of helping each pilgrim to fruitfully experience this great event of faith."

These words also represent an impetus for the mission of UCAM, which, always faithful to the popes, has been present with its volunteers at the great events of the Catholic Church, such as





Pilgrims from UCAM participating in the Youth Jubilee celebrated at the Vatican

World Youth Days, jubilee years, World Meetings of Families, etc.

Leo XIV takes up the words of Pope Francis in the bull convening the Holy Year, urging people to let themselves be drawn by hope and to make it contagious for the world. The Holy Father encourages volunteers to continue collaborating with the Catholic Church and to contribute through their work to making the message of Jesus Christ visible.

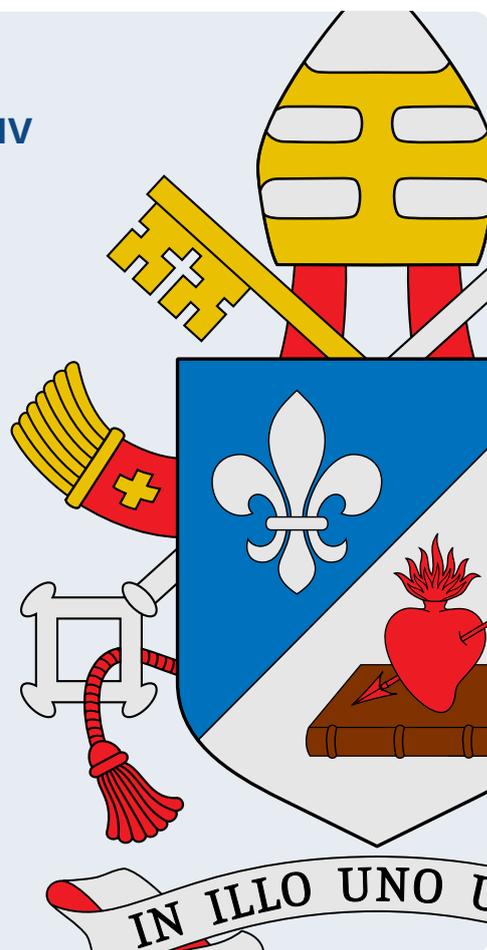
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**They have contributed in multiple ways, often behind the scenes, in a demanding role and full of responsibility”**

### From the message of the Holy Father Leo XIV on the occasion of Lent 2026

*I would like to invite you to a very concrete and often underappreciated form of abstinence, that of abstaining from using words that affect and hurt our neighbor.*

*Let us begin to disarm language, renouncing hurtful words, immediate judgment, speaking ill of those who are absent and cannot defend themselves, and slander.*

*Let us strive, instead, to learn to measure our words and to cultivate kindness: in the family, among friends, in the workplace, on social networks, in political debates, in the media, and in Christian communities. Then, many words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”*





*Entrepreneurs and scientists present their projects in a pitch session at UCAM HiTech, a brief presentation format before professionals, with formative participation of UCAM students.*

# Supporting talent beyond the classroom

*Boosting entrepreneurship turns research into professional opportunities*

**A**n idea in the classroom can transform into a company; an academic project can generate employment. That transition between training and professional future is one of the University's strategic commitments.

For more than four years, UCAM Hi-Tech has structured that accompaniment, helping students and researchers develop their proposals with commercial potential. Through special-

**An ecosystem uniting innovation, business and career prospects**

ized advice, mentoring and connection with the productive fabric, it has consolidated a stable environment of support for university entrepreneurship.

## Gateway to the future

As a first step in that journey, the University Entrepreneurship Window, present in different faculties, acts as an orientation point for those who wish to explore the entrepreneurial field from their studies

or research activity. This space channels initial concerns, helps define ideas and facilitates access to the resources and specialized programs that allow advancement toward more structured phases of development.

An example of this pathway is IN-TECC, a project driven by Julián Aguilera, alumnus of the Degree in CAFD. After years of suffering from lower back pain, he began to develop a tool to assess posture using accessible technology. With the support of UCAM Hi-Tech, he was able to structure the project and evolve it into a web application that today operates as a startup.



## The University gave me the foundation and UCAM HiTech helped me turn my project “into a company”

### Transfer with international reach

The presence of UCAM HiTech at Science for Industry 2026 positioned the University in a European forum that connects research, business and investment. At this meeting, the institution shared its support model and programs such as 'Don't let it remain just a paper' or 'Beyond the patent', aimed at facilitating the practical application of scientific results.

This visibility is expanded in spaces such as Google DevFest Murcia, where initiatives linked to UCAM are presented to companies and professionals in the technology sector, showcasing developments in areas such as digital health or 3D prosthetics.

Also in Dream Big, promoted by Fundación Estrella de Levante, University students work on social and environmental challenges within multidisciplinary teams, with access to incubation processes and international reach. In fact, three UCAM students have been selected to advance in the initiative, with the option of joining acceleration programmes in Silicon Valley.

### Impact indicators

The practical orientation of the training programs promoted by UCAM HiTech is reflected in the data. In the last two years, 1,385 students have participated in free training focused on professional skills, entrepreneurship, and applied artificial intelligence.

Of these, 354 entered the labor market after completing the program. As a whole, 47% of employed persons are women and 53% men, results that reinforce the connection between applied training, employability and development of entrepreneurial projects, in line with UCAM's positioning in the main employment insertion rankings.



Julián Aguilera, Sports Science alumni, demonstrates the operation of INTECC, an analysis project postural developed with the support of UCAM HiTech and consolidated as a startup

## Employability as a hallmark of excellence

*Working right after finishing their degree is a reality for the majority of UCAM graduates. This is reflected in the main employability rankings, which place the Catholic University of Murcia in leading positions both nationally and internationally. According to the institution's Employment Observatory, 83.6% of graduates find work in less than a year after completing their studies, a rate that approaches 100% at the Higher Polytechnic School.*

*These results are supported by leading rankings. U-Ranking (BBVA Foundation and IVIE) indicates that UCAM graduates exceed the national average for labor market integration by nearly 10% and earn salaries approximately 2,000 euros higher annually. At the international level, QS highlights its strong employability orientation, placing it in the top 10 private universities in Spain, while Forbes includes it among the 20 best universities in the country for its preparation for working life.*



**At the forefront of Spanish universities in employability**

Ranked in National Group 1



**Over 83% of graduates successfully enter the workforce**

# 'LifeTech Summit': The premier investment hub for life sciences startups

*This event represents a national meeting point for the key players in scientific entrepreneurship, where concepts such as investment and open innovation are addressed as pathways to transfer science to business and, by extension, to society, with the aim of improving people's quality of life.*

Organized by UCAM HiTech, the Technology Forum 'LifeTech Summit' has become each year a crucial meeting point between tech transfer, startups and investors. This is an event that has already become a reference in the life sciences ecosystem: health, nutrition,

**The event allows them to gain visibility, validate models, attract investment and establish strategic agreements with the industry**

sports and deeptech technologies, as demonstrated by the fact that in the last edition more than 300 people linked to the UCAM innovation ecosystem came together, and more than 800 meetings were held in the networking spaces.

Their mission is to convert knowledge into real impact, acting as a bridge between researchers, entrepreneurs, corporations and specialized funds. Attendees participate in a high-value program that includes one-to-one meetings, roundtables with experts, and a pitch competition to award the 'most investable startup' and the 'most scalable project'.

**A collective impulse to entrepreneurship**

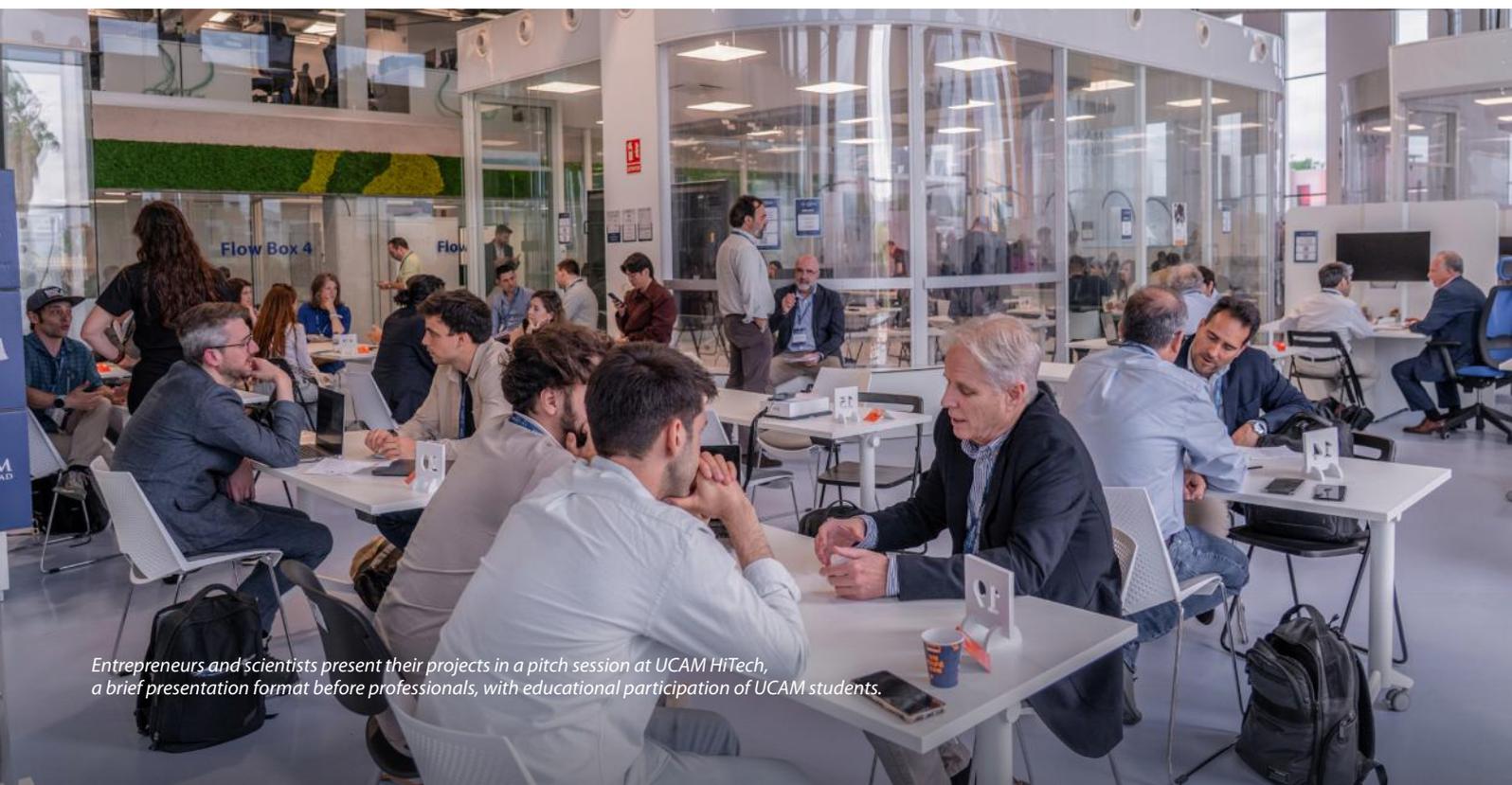
To organize this event, UCAM HiTech has the support of prominent sponsors

such as INFO (Institute for the Promotion of the Region of Murcia), Caixa-Bank, CMG MedDev, LetsLaw, Idea Design, H&A and BIGBAN, as well as its collaborators: Grupo Zamora, El Pozo, Telefónica, Cambridge Biocapital, Toñi Fruit and Innoventures Capital.

Additionally, during the event a pitch competition is held, which allows selected startups to present their projects to investors and experts, offering a valuable platform to demonstrate their value and potential in technology and innovation.



**Learn more about the LifeTech SUMMIT Technology Forum**



*Entrepreneurs and scientists present their projects in a pitch session at UCAM HiTech, a brief presentation format before professionals, with educational participation of UCAM students.*

# A university voice at the UN for the future challenges

*UCAM has been granted special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the first university in Spain to be granted this 'special consultative status'.*

The Catholic University of San Antonio now has the opportunity to participate in global initiatives and debates promoted by the United Nations. This has been made possible after obtaining the prestigious distinction of 'special consultative status' with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), an accreditation that recognizes its academic, research and social work.

## **The University will launch a dedicated task force focused on education, health and sports, and engineering**

### **What does the University contribute?**

This is not an honorary title. UCAM will have a seat and voice in decisive forums, as from now on it will be able to participate in ECOSOC meetings and conferences and its functional commissions or open and co-organize side events. Likewise, it will allow access to certain United Nations facilities during public sessions of the Council and its commissions, as well as use the organization's libraries and public documentation services.

UCAM will make its contributions to the UN's work by permanently updating its institutional information on the ESANGO platform and will designate official representatives in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

### **Research support**

Likewise, the UN will request from the University reports, studies or technical contributions in areas related to its activity. And, given its strong research work, the institution will be able to contribute and share its scientific production with the international community and contribute to debates of global scope, such as those of the UNODC Com-

mission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development or the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, where decisive issues for the future of humanity are addressed.

The University will launch the 'UN Task Force', responsible for coordinating the relationship with the United Nations, preparing the institution's contributions and strengthening its presence in the main international forums. This strategy will focus on priority areas such as education, innovation and digitalization; health and sports, and engineering and sustainability.





*Members of different research groups combine talent and knowledge, creating synergies that strengthen their doctoral theses.*

# The Cradle of Research

*The EIDUCAM is accredited as the second doctoral school to be certified in the entire territory ANECA and the first from a private university.*

**T**he Catholic University of Murcia is the first private university whose International Doctoral School has obtained accreditation from ANECA and the second in the entire territory evaluated by this agency, which is attached to the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. This institutional recognition falls upon the four doctoral programs currently implemented at the School: Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Sports Sciences, and Computer Technologies

and Environmental Engineering.

This resolution is the culmination of a trajectory of researcher training developed over the last thirteen years, a period in which more than 1,000 doctoral theses have been defended, which makes UCAM the second private university in Spain by number of doctoral theses defended and, derived from them, more than 1,000 scientific articles have been published whose results are oriented towards solving the problems

**UCAM ranks second among private universities in the number of PhD dissertations defended annually, all of which include scientific research output**

of current society and contributing to the well-being of citizens. Currently, more than 600 doctoral students who are developing their research plans are enrolled at EIDUCAM.

The training of new doctors is guided with more than 50 activities designed to cover the needs of doctoral students. Furthermore, in all doctoral programs, the Industrial and International distinctions are especially promoted, with the aim of strengthening collaboration with the business environment and expanding the reach of research activity.

## Data of the EIDUCAM

THESES DEFENDED

+1000

COLLABORATING COUNTRIES

29

THESIS IN PROGRESS

600

SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

+1000

Leading private universities by PhD dissertations defended

Latest comparison, 2018-2022

1<sup>st</sup> University of Navarra

2<sup>nd</sup> UCAM

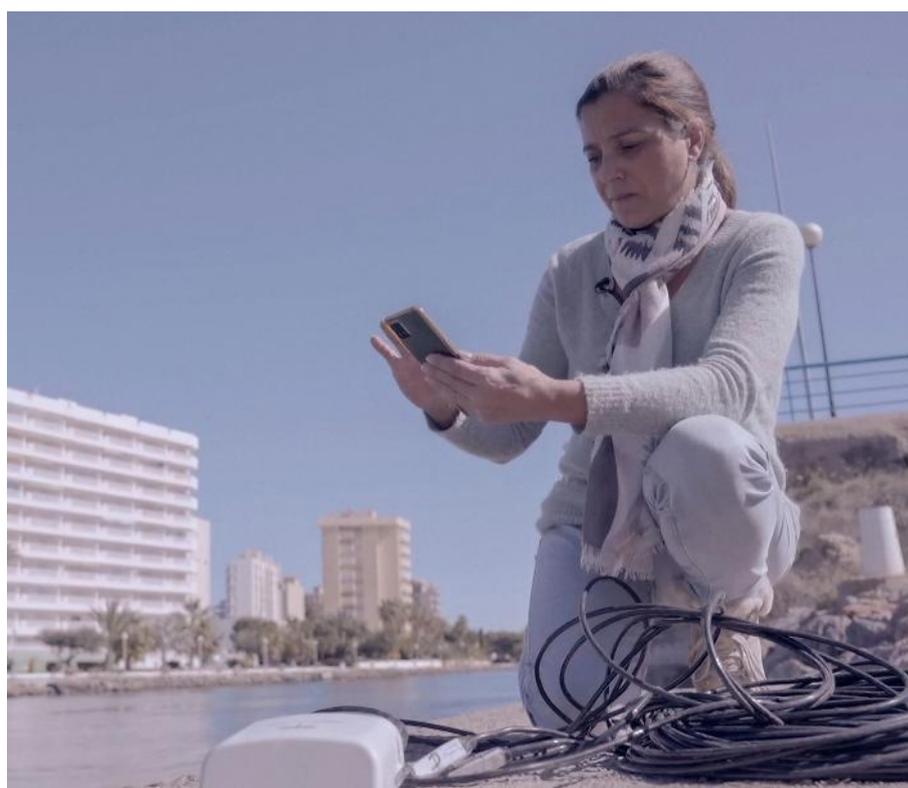
3<sup>rd</sup> University Ramón Llull

4<sup>th</sup> University Deusto

5<sup>th</sup> University San Pablo CEU

## UCAM's International Doctoral School is only the second in Spain to be accredited by ANECA

The National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) has certified UCAM's researcher-development department, following only the Public University of Navarra.





### International Doctorates

The internationalization of EIDUCAM constitutes one of its fundamental pillars, in line with the strategy that the University itself has been developing.

In this regard, this year's Doctoral Conference will be dedicated to the International Doctorate, a distinction that doctoral students can obtain after completing a research stay.

Research groups, such as UCAM-SENS, integrate experts from 10 nationalities, reflecting the international profile of their activity.

The International Doctoral School of UCAM has promoted more than 110 international mobilities in 27 countries and has collaborated with a total of 264 institutions, including universities, research centers and companies. Notable institutions of recognized international prestige include Dr. Bruce Spiegelman's laboratory, affiliated with Harvard University (United States); the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands); the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany); Aarhus University (Denmark), and Sapienza University of Rome (Italy). All of this consolidates EIDUCAM as a highly international and competitive academic environment.

The Industrial PhDs are an option to promote innovation in collaboration with companies.

*The industrial mention allows doctoral students to develop their research in the business environment, contributing to promoting transfer to the business fabric. In this area, nearly 60 doctorates have been promoted in collaboration with companies such as Aromaibérica, Villapharma, Hidrogea, Martínez Nieto or AMC Innova, from sectors such as agri-food, industrial or healthcare, thus reinforcing the link between the university and the industrial fabric.*

## Research stays carried out by our doctoral students



Austria	Ireland
Brazil	Israel
Cambodia	Italy
Canada	Lithuania
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Moldova
Egypt	Netherlands
U.S.A.	Poland
France	Portugal
Germany	UK
Argentina	Russia
Australia	Sweden

# UCAM doctoral talent transforms society

## UCAM DOCTORAL PROGRAMS:



### Sports Sciences

Luis Andreu-Caravaca has managed to achieve improvements in his study participants with multiple sclerosis up to 60% in strength, 30% in mobility and 40% in spasticity after 10 weeks of strength training.



### Health Sciences

Ana Ortiz has developed an artificial intelligence model capable of early prediction of cervical cancer onset. To do this, she has used 1,743 cells labeled by expert pathologists and has achieved an accuracy of 97.7%. The system incorporates automatic segmentation techniques and integrates heat maps.



### Social Sciences

Violeta Pascual has developed a methodology that demonstrates that dubbing can help people with autism and generate emotional and social benefits.



### Technologies of Computing and Environmental Engineering

Antonio Hernández has succeeded, in collaboration with the company Hidrotec, in eliminating up to 80% of certain pharmaceuticals and phytosanitary products in wastewater.



## Másteres Universitarios Oficiales

### Escuela Politécnica Superior

- Arquitectura<sup>(1)</sup>
- Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos<sup>(1)</sup>
- Patología, Intervención y Sostenibilidad en la Edificación<sup>(3)</sup>

### Economía y Empresa

- Dirección de Empresas<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA-Master Business Administration<sup>(1)(4)</sup>
- Dirección Estratégica de Proyectos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Gestión Administrativa<sup>(3)</sup>
- Responsabilidad Social Corporativa<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

### Turismo

- Dirección de Hoteles y Empresas de Restauración<sup>(3)</sup>
- Hospitality Management<sup>(1)(3)(4)</sup>
- Innovación y Marketing Turístico<sup>(3)</sup>
- Máster Universitario en Desarrollo, Gestión y Política Sostenible del Turismo<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Innovation and Tourism Marketing<sup>(1)(3)(4)</sup>

### Derecho

- Acceso a las Profesiones de Abogacía y Procura<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Ciencias de la Seguridad y Criminología<sup>(3)</sup>
- Derecho Militar<sup>(3)</sup>
- Gestión Administrativa<sup>(3)</sup>

### Comunicación y Marketing

- Dirección de Comunicación<sup>(3)</sup>
- Marketing y Comunicación<sup>(1)</sup>

### Educación

- Desarrollo Social<sup>(3)</sup>
- Estudios Simultáneos en Formación del Profesorado e Investigación en Educación Física y Salud<sup>(2)</sup>
- Formación del Profesorado<sup>(2)</sup>
- Formación de Profesores de Español como Lengua Extranjera<sup>(3)</sup>
- Enseñanza Bilingüe: Inglés<sup>(1)(4)</sup>

### Deportes

- Alto Rendimiento Deportivo: Fuerza y Acondicionamiento Físico<sup>(2)</sup>
- Dirección y Gestión de Entidades Deportivas<sup>(2)</sup>
- Fisioterapia en el Deporte<sup>(2)</sup>
- Ejercicio Físico y Entrenamiento para la Salud<sup>(2)</sup>
- Investigación en Educación Física y Salud<sup>(2)</sup>
- Management of Sport Entities + MBA<sup>(2)(4)</sup>
- High Performance Sport: Strength and Conditioning<sup>(2)(4)</sup>

### Salud

- Audiología y Equilibrio<sup>(2)</sup>
- Avances en Cardiología<sup>(3)</sup>
- Bioética<sup>(3)</sup>
- Ciencias del Matrimonio y la Familia<sup>(3)</sup>
- Cirugía del Pie para Podólogos<sup>(1)</sup>
- Diagnóstico por la Imagen en Cardiología<sup>(3)</sup>
- Enfermería y Salud Escolar<sup>(2)</sup>
- Enfermería de Salud Laboral<sup>(2)</sup>
- Enfermería de Urgencias, Emergencias y Cuidados Especiales<sup>(1)</sup>
- Fisioterapia en el Deporte<sup>(2)</sup>
- Gestión y Planificación de Servicios Sanitarios<sup>(2)</sup>
- Geriátrica y Gerontología: Atención Integral a la Dependencia<sup>(2)</sup>
- Investigación en Ciencias Socio-sanitarias<sup>(3)</sup>
- Medicina de Urgencias y Emergencias<sup>(1)</sup>
- Nutrición en la Actividad Física y el Deporte<sup>(2)</sup>
- Nutrición Clínica<sup>(2)</sup>
- Nutrición y Seguridad Alimentaria<sup>(2)</sup>
- Osteopatía y Terapia Manual<sup>(2)</sup>
- Prevención de Riesgos Laborales<sup>(3)</sup>
- Psicología General Sanitaria<sup>(1)(3)</sup>
- Trastornos de la Voz, del Lenguaje y de la Comunicación<sup>(2)</sup>

### Másteres de Formación Permanente

- Asesoría Jurídico-laboral<sup>(3)</sup>
- Atención a la Diversidad<sup>(3)</sup>
- Composición para VFX<sup>(2)</sup>
- Dirección y Gestión de Clubes y Escuelas de Deportes de Raqueta<sup>(3)</sup>
- Dirección y Gestión de Recursos Humanos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Diseño de Interiores<sup>(3)</sup>
- Estudios Judíos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Gestión y Dirección de los Centros Educativos<sup>(2)</sup>
- International Human Rights Law<sup>(3)</sup>
- Liderazgo y Habilidades Directivas en el Espacio Iberoamericano<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA en Dirección y Gestión Deportiva<sup>(1)</sup>
- Marketing y Estrategia Digital<sup>(2)</sup>
- Metodología y Programación BIM/GIS y Gobernanza del Dato<sup>(2)</sup>
- Neuroeducación<sup>(3)</sup>
- Periodismo Deportivo<sup>(3)</sup>
- Podología Clínica y Deportiva<sup>(2)</sup>
- Preparación Física y Readaptación Deportiva en Fútbol<sup>(2)</sup>
- Producción Musical<sup>(2)</sup>
- Psicología del Deporte, Ejercicio y Rendimiento Humano<sup>(3)</sup>
- Sports Management<sup>(1)</sup>
- Sustainable Humanitarian Action<sup>(2)</sup>
- Transformación Digital del Sector Agrícola<sup>(2)</sup>
- Traumatología del Deporte<sup>(2)</sup>
- Diseño Gráfico on/offline<sup>(2)</sup>
- Administración y Dirección de Empresas<sup>(3)</sup>
- Dirección Financiera<sup>(3)</sup>
- Dirección Hotelera y Gastronomía<sup>(3)</sup>
- Dirección de Proyectos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Gestión de Finanzas y Riesgos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Gestión de Proyectos<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA Data Analytics<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA Dirección de Proyectos<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA Internacional<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA en Dirección de Empresas<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA en Finanzas<sup>(3)</sup>
- MBA en Recursos Humanos<sup>(3)</sup>
- Marketing y Dirección Comercial<sup>(3)</sup>



Oferta completa de postgrados

(1) Presencial (2) Semipresencial  
(3) Online (4) Inglés





# UCAM gave me the groundwork to reach the elite”

*In a PSG match, Luis Enrique, Ousmane Dembélé and Lucas Hernández with the nutritionist Juan José Morillas, who holds a degree in Nutrition from UCAM and is a professor at Master's in Nutrition in the Physical Activity and Sport*

**J**uan José Morillas (Murcia, 1981) is one of those names that exemplify the international reach of UCAM. Trained in the first graduating classes of the Catholic University of Murcia in Nutrition, today he is the head of nutrition and nutritional performance at Paris Saint-Germain, a world-renowned club that encompasses men's and women's football, youth academy, handball, judo and esports.

Every time he returns to his alma mater to teach a masterclass in the Master's in Nutrition in Physical Activity and Sport, he is not only amazed by the growth of the institution where he trained, but also shares the experience accumulated in a professional career that has taken him from Murcia to the European sports elite. In this interview, Morillas analyzes his work at PSG, offers recommendations for healthy eating and proudly recalls his roots.

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**Having a general foundation is essential, but specializing allows you to grow much more within your field”**



*Juanjo Morillas with Kylian Mbappé, player with whom he worked when they coincided at Monaco and at PSG.*

***How have you received the appointment as head of all nutrition for a club as big as Paris Saint-Germain?***

The truth is that it is a very important evolution in my career, especially as a nutritionist. I have gone from managing the nutrition of a professional men's team, to managing all sections of the club. It is a very big responsibility, but also an honor and it makes me think that the work of all these years as a nutritionist has been worthwhile because it is an evolution that fills me with pride.

In these first weeks I am finding my place because it is not only the day-to-day sports nutrition, but also evolving nutrition within Paris Saint-Germain and taking it outside. There are many projects that are going to be put into operation and that motivate me a lot.

***What are the differentiating elements when it comes to preparing nutrition for youth players compared to the players?***

The difference is that at the elite level we seek performance; we push the limits a little more. At ages between 12 and 16, we focus on training and on aspects related to what I should eat before or after matches, how I should hydrate, how I should eat to sleep better. These are terms more focused on education

and at the elite level, on performance, more specific supplementation, more individualized.

***What aspects of nutrition in elite sports can be taken into account for the general population and for people who exercise to stay in shape?***

An amateur athlete or someone who does sports for recreation should follow basic principles: recover, hydrate, eat well, avoid certain foods... But the big difference is that at the elite level you have much more demanding competitions and very close together. Therefore, recovery strategies are much more aggressive. In amateur sports everything is more focused on healthy eating, rather than supplementation. The key is to properly time the intake of macronutrients, especially carbohydrates, adequately meet your protein needs for that recovery and focus on hydration.

***How important do you consider specialization on the part of the nutritionist to dedicate themselves to the world of sports?***

You need to have a general foundation to know a bit about everything, like physiology, for example, the metabolic or energy pathways that are predominantly used in different types of sports or exercises to know what the energy demands are, in

which situations you will use more carbohydrates or less. That is, having notions of all sports and physiology is basic for every nutritionist, but it is true that later, to evolve within your field, it is important to specialize. If I know the physiology, and all the characteristics and context of all sports and their nutrition in a general way, but then I specialize in football, cycling or tennis, I will be able to grow much more in that field.

***How do you remember your university years at UCAM and how do you see the university now as you develop your career in France and come to give masterclasses?***

I studied my degree 25 years ago and everything is very different. I remember arriving by car at the dirt parking lot, where everyone parked, you would walk to the monastery, then there were two or three modules and nothing more. Now, when I go and see all the development that has taken



place, it's impressive. The building that has been created for innovation (UCAM HiTech) with that focus that UCAM has on promoting scientific research, is impressive. Every time I go there I am amazed. I love going back, especially because of having studied there. At UCAM I learned the foundations that took me to the elite level. My work was born there. Therefore, when they call me to give a masterclass it is an honor and a source of pride for me. Moreover, I meet former classmates who were with me studying the degree and who are now researchers and there are even professors who are still there. It's like coming home.

***What do students ask you most about when they have you nearby?***

There are many students who ask what this player eats, what that other one likes to do. I have to say, I don't like answering those questions. There is another type of question that I love, which are those more oriented to practical work such as what are the strategies or protocols

to recover very quickly after matches or what type of body composition study we perform and how we schedule them, what is the hydration strategy when it is very hot. That is, very specific questions about what nutrition is.

***What anecdote can you tell us about your experiences, whether at Monaco or PSG when it comes to dealing with and living alongside great football stars?***

Living with great football stars is not easy. You need to have a high level of empathy and know how to handle complicated situations, and that is not linked to nutrition; it is more of a personal work. That you either have or you don't have and it is, perhaps, the most difficult thing, knowing how to handle situations of stress, of competition, of frustration. The athlete is not going to always be the same and managing those situations is what I have learned most in all these years, apart from nutrition.



**At the elite level everything is about performance; every detail is optimized. In training, you are taught how to eat, hydrate, and rest”**



*Juanjo Morillas, during a PSG match, hydrating top-level players like Achraf Hakimi and Marquinhos.*



*The president of UCAM, M<sup>a</sup> Dolores García, at the trophy presentation of the National Sports Awards 2026, presided over by the King and Queen of Spain, at the Palace of El Pardo.*

# 2012 and 2026: A journey **twice** recognized by the **Government of Spain**

*The Joaquín Blume Trophy, presented by the King and Queen, once again placed the Catholic University of Murcia in the place where sport, excellence and the memory of José Luis Mendoza come together... now, under the presidency of M<sup>a</sup> Dolores García, with its sights set on the Madrid Campus.*

**E** The Palace of El Pardo has that solemnity that imposes silence even before the ceremony begins. There, among protocols and a perfectly measured institutional liturgy, UCAM once again heard its name in a setting reserved for the exceptional: the Catholic University of Murcia received for the se-

cond time in its history the Joaquín Blume Trophy from the Higher Sports Council, a recognition that distinguishes the educational institution that has most stood out for its promotion and advancement of sport. And it did so with a gesture that magnifies any distinction: the trophy was presented by King Felipe VI, with Queen

Letizia present at the ceremony, the Minister of Science, Diana Morant, and the President of the Higher Sports Council, Juan Manuel Rodríguez Uribes.

The image also had an inevitable historical echo. The first time was in 2012. Then, the person who received the award was José



Luis Mendoza, founder and president of UCAM, and the one who presented it was the then Prince Felipe. More than a decade later, the same recognition returned to the University in the same setting. The scene, laden with symbolism, closed one circle and opened another, that of recognition for the consolidation of a university model that has made sport a structural hallmark, not an ornamental complement.

This second award has not been an isolated gesture, but rather the confirmation of a sustained trajectory.

The UCAM has led the Spanish University Championships for years, has maintained a constant presence in the elite of national basketball and has projected its brand across multiple disciplines. But perhaps the figure that best synthesizes its dimension is that of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games: it was the university in the world with the greatest participation, with 65 scholarship athletes competing at the highest world level. That figure is not just a statistic; it is evidence of an ecosystem in which academic performance and sporting excellence coexist without compromise.

Underlying all of this is a foundational conviction: no athlete should be forced to choose between their sporting career and their university education. That principle, defended and promoted by José Luis Mendoza since the institution's beginnings, has shaped a unique model that is today a benchmark. His figure was very present at the ceremony. The president of UCAM, María Dolores García, evoked that first award in 2012 and emphasized that this new accolade is also the fruit of the continuity of a legacy.

## Success at the Spanish University Championships and the high number UCAM athletes at Paris 2024 were the driving factors behind the award

The distinction acquires even greater dimension if it is viewed in terms of the future. The University will open the Madrid Campus in September, a strategic project that, in collaboration with the COE, will strengthen training and research in Physical Activity and Sports Sciences, as well as in areas related to health and nutrition. The capital will thus become a new axis of expansion for a model that has demonstrated its effectiveness and international impact.

The day also left a human component that transcends official speeches. Among those recognized was race walker María Pérez, a UCAM student, who shared the moment with her university and gratefully recalled the boost it meant for so many athletes to have an academic environment that believed in them even when their sporting future was uncertain.

In El Pardo, the trophy gleamed under the institutional light. But what was truly distinguished was something deeper: a way of understanding sport as vocation, commitment and shared legacy. For the second time, the name of UCAM was inscribed in that recognition. And this time it was not just memory: it was an affirmation of leadership and a declaration of the future.



*In 2012, José Luis Mendoza, founder of UCAM, received the Joaquín Blume Trophy alongside prominent figures such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Vicente del Bosque, and Jorge Garbajosa.*

## This award confirms UCAM as an international reference in high-performance sports and academic excellence



VALENCIA 2026. MARÍA DOLORES GARCÍA,  
AT THE ROIÛ ARENA, BEFORE THE MATCH  
AGAINST BARÇA



José Luis Mendoza, in the VIP box at  
the Palacio de los Deportes in Granada, before the quarter-final  
match against Valencia Basket.





# PRIDE AND LEGACY

UCAM Murcia has reaffirmed its presence in the elite of Spanish basketball with its fourth Copa del Rey appearance (1996, 2022, 2024, and 2026). Most notable is the recent consistency, with three qualifications in the last five years. This milestone reflects a project driven by José Luis Mendoza, with continuity under the presidency of María Dolores García.

Under the technical direction of Sito Alonso and sporting direction of Alejandro Gómez, the team demonstrated in Valencia that it is no longer a 'circumstantial participant'. Their elimination against Barça in a match that was decided in the closing stages served as proof of their consolidation at the highest level.

The communion between the players and the stands was total. More than 3,000 supporters filled the stands with pride and did not stop cheering before and during the match. The team's commitment on the court was recognized, despite the defeat, with ovations and with the promise of a swift return and the reminder that there are still objectives this season.

# OVER 25 YEARS UNITING FOOTBALL AND VALUES



**D** Since 1999, the Catholic University of Murcia has kept alive a passion that goes beyond sport. What began as a project to compete in the Spanish University Championships was transformed into a consolidated club, capable of representing the university in regional and national football.

The first team started its trajectory in the Regional Preferente and soon managed to move up to Third Division. Over the years

it passed through different fields in the city, establishing itself in competitions and preparing for the milestones that would mark its history. In 2011, the merger with Costa Cálida CF gave rise to UCAM Murcia CF, debuting in national categories and consolidating a project that combines sport and academic training.

In the 2014/15 season, the club began playing at the century-old La Condomina Stadium, the scene of promotions and moments that were etched in the memory

of the university community. Just two seasons later, in 2015/16, UCAM Murcia CF reached the Second Division, an achievement that projected university football to the forefront of national sport.

Now, in 2026, UCAM Murcia CF continues to be an entity that unites sport and education, a project that is distinguished by representing the university in each match and transferring academic values to football, thus marking its own identity.



*UCAM CF lineup on the pitch at Municipal de La Flota in 2003.*



*Official collaboration ceremony between UCAM and Costa Cálida CF in 2011.*



# UCAM ESPORTS, SPANISH VALORANT CHAMPION

**T**he professional esports team of the Catholic University of Murcia has made history by winning the Spanish VALORANT championship title for the first time.

Throughout its journey, the Murcian Club has reached a total of four finals since the Spanish VALORANT division was founded in 2021. The 2026 final was played against NOVO Esports

in a very close best-of-five series, which went in favor of the archangels.

This is the first time that a professional esports team from the Region of Murcia has achieved this title. This triumph adds to the extensive list of achievements that UCAM has obtained since its creation, such as Spanish League of Legends Champion in 2021 and Iberian Cup Champion in 2022.

The UCAM Cartagena TM squad,  
with the Queen's Cup trophy won in Tarragona.



# Queens once again

*With its triumph in the Queen's Cup, UCAM Cartagena Table Tennis reinforces its status as the most decorated club in the Region of Murcia, sporting emblem of the University and one of the national and international references in this sport*

**B**eyond the origins of the UCAM project, the successes of its Cartagena table tennis team mark decades of titles that began with the drive of José Luis Mendoza.

The title, achieved in Tarragona, confirms the excellence of a solid sports project, recognized for its competitive standards and for proudly representing the Catholic University of Murcia.

Beyond the trophy, this victory symbolizes the identity of a fully established club linked to UCAM: a team that is part of the University and constitutes one of the great sporting legacies promoted by José Luis Mendoza, founder of UCAM. His determined commitment to table tennis and, especially, to the club of his hometown contributed to consolidating an initiative that today is synonymous with prestige, stability and ambition.

With this new milestone, UCAM Cartagena TM continues to expand its list of achievements and reinforces its vocation for leadership. The season, moreover, presents a major challenge: to conquer the top continental competition, the Champions League, an objective that excites the club and the entire university community. At UCAM Cartagena Table Tennis, each title is not an ending, but the drive to continue growing and aspire to the highest.

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## Official Higher-Level Vocational Training Programmes

- Higher Technician in **Network Computer System Administration**
- Higher Technician in **Administration and Finance**<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Higher Technician in **International Trade**<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Higher Technician in **Multiplatform Application Development**
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# A University Experience Without Borders

UCAM offers personalized attention to international students from the first contact, in an environment where students from 135 nationalities study side by side

Studying at the Catholic University of San Antonio means joining an academic environment that combines constant support and global reach. After the orientation and admission phase, arrival is structured through a specific service that coordinates academic and administrative support. From enrollment and platform activation to immigration procedures, accommodation and health coverage, support is continuous throughout the entire stay.

## Integration and university life

The welcome is reinforced with welcome initiatives and the Buddy Program, which connects first-time arrivals with upper-year students to facilitate their academic and social adaptation.

## Global reach

The University's international dimension is channeled through the International Relations Office, which manages agreements with more than 400 universities in programs such as Erasmus+, UCAM Iberoamérica, UCAM Overseas/North America and SICUE. This openness is reflected in the cultural diversity present on campus.

## Training and employability

The teaching model combines academic rigor and individual monitoring, with a personal tutor and academic tutor assigned to each student. Teaching integrates advanced technologies and artificial intelligence, along with clinical simulation, virtual laboratories and a digital ecosystem oriented toward professional development.



Students receiving advice at the International Relations Office

## FIRST STEPS

### → Personalized academic guidance

Advice on degree programs and access requirements to the Spanish university system.

### → International admission

Document review, Offer Letter and support in visa processing.

### → Arrival and welcome on campus

Check-in at International Admissions and at the student support service (Student Care).

### → Academic and administrative management

Enrollment, access to platforms and schedules, and immigration procedures (TIE).

### → Comprehensive support during the stay

Verified housing or residence, contracts, registration, medical insurance and continuous monitoring.

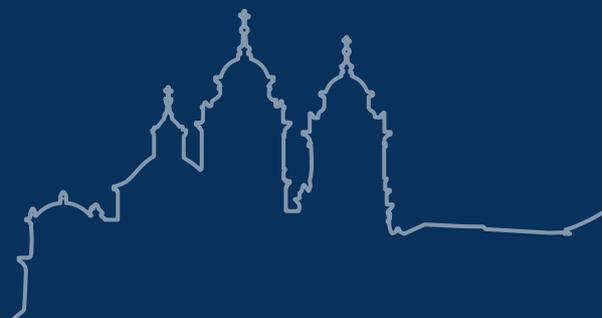


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# A global university with **more than 1,400** students on the move



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## Some of the countries of origin

-  **CANADA**
-  **MEXICO**
-  **COLOMBIA**
-  **BRAZIL**
-  **ITALY**
-  **GERMANY**
-  **TAIWAN**
-  **JAPAN**



## **ARRIVALS** From some degree programs

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Bachelors in International Relationships

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Bachelors in Business Administration

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Psychology

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Nursing

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### **Giulia Quadri**

Law student.  
*University of Brescia, Italy*

Erasmus+ Program

"This stay has allowed me to continue advancing in my studies and experience a more participatory form of learning, with small classes and close contact with the teaching staff. The mobility has also been a very valuable personal experience, which has helped me gain autonomy, improve my Spanish and create new friendships in an international environment".

**International Relations Office**  
**968 27 86 91 | 968 27 86 01**  
From 09:00 to 14:00h.  
and from 15:30 to 18:00h  
*1st Floor of the Monastery*

# MOBILITY PROGRAMS:

**Erasmus Studies:** academic stays at European universities, with a duration of between three months and a full academic year.

**Erasmus Internships:** professional internships at European companies or institutions, with academic recognition and option for financial aid.

**UCAM Iberoamerica (Studies and internships):** aimed at Latin American destinations, with usual stays from July onwards and UCAM scholarships for the first six months.

**UCAM North America–Overseas (Asia and Africa):** program for countries outside Europe, with departures from August and initial financial aid during the first six months.

**Language courses for mobility:** prior training in English, French, German, Italian or Portuguese, recommended or mandatory depending on the assigned destination.

**UCAM projects its international dimension through student exchange in 44 countries**



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## DEPARTURES From some degree programs

Psychology

Physical Activity and Sports Sciences

Business Administration and Management

Nursing

Architecture

## Some of the destination countries

 U.S.A.

 MEXICO

 ARGENTINA

 CHILE

 ITALY

 ROMANIA

 SOUTH KOREA

 THAILAND



### Alicia Valdivieso

Advertising and Public Relations Degree.  
*Chulalongkorn University, Thailand*

#### Overseas Program

This international mobility has been a key experience in my personal development. It has allowed me to face a very different cultural reality, learn to adapt to new environments and rethink my interests and future goals. University life, the campus atmosphere and the facilities offered have made full integration and a transformative experience possible".

# New professional opportunities to grow as Alumni

*Belonging to all professional sectors and spread throughout the world, each student who trains at the Catholic University of Saint Anthony leaves a permanent mark within its walls, being its best ambassadors. Now, UCAM Alumni, with more than 60,000 graduates from 115 nationalities, has built a network of contacts with exclusive access to resources, job offers, promotions, training, mentorships and events.*

**O**liva Cárcar studied the Degree in Telecommunications Systems Engineering at the Catholic University of Murcia and for years has been a Senior Content Partner Engineer at YouTube (Google). She recently learned about the UCAM alumni community, which she has joined "to remain connected to the University". The engineer, who says she has very good memories of her training period, acknowledges that it seems like a very interesting service, especially "to create a support network where you can connect with professionals in the sector",

**It is important to have "a support network where you can connect with professionals in the sector"**

one of the key aspects of this new service, whose mission is to strengthen job placement, offer continuing education and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The Alumni assures that from her time at this University she learned a philosophy that accompanies her in her day-to-day work as an engineer at YouTube: "not to take anything for granted, understanding that, with the necessary vision and perseverance, the most complex challenges always have a solution". And the in-

volvement of the teaching staff had a lot to do with it, since "beyond being great academics, they were committed to sharing their vision of the sector", adding that this closeness was key, for example, when she faced her Final Degree Project, which was awarded by the Official Association of Telecommunications Engineers (COIT) in their 'Liberalization of Telecommunications' awards. "Seeing that this effort received such important recognition was, without a doubt, a great boost to close my university stage and jump into the professional world", the graduate highlights.

Beyond calculations, Oliva recognizes that UCAM trains excellent professionals with strong values, which helped her understand that "our profession



The graduate works as Senior Content Partner Engineer at YouTube



*The Belando brothers, UCAM Alumni on the facade of the Cetina hotel which they own*

goes far beyond technicalities". Therefore, "in parallel to my technical role, I lead the Women in Engineering community within Google". Values that she will now share through the Alumni community, which accompanies its graduates at every step: from job searching, first steps in the labor market, training, entrepreneurship, expanding the network of contacts or simply reconnecting with what made us grow.

### The success of entrepreneurship

Also part of UCAM Alumni are the brothers Alejandro and Francisco Belando, owners of Cetina Hotels. They studied Business Administration and Management, and Communication Sciences, Advertising and PR at the Catholic University, and in 2016 they opened their first hotel in the center of Murcia "driven by our family roots

and with the conviction that there was space for a different concept". Ten years later, they have grown and have establishments in Seville, Segovia, Baeza, Córdoba and, more recently, in Cabo de Palos.

Their time at UCAM 'enormously enhanced' their eagerness to pursue entrepreneurship: "when you surround yourself with an academic ecosystem that values initiative, the business world and the practical application of knowledge, that entrepreneurial seed germinates much faster. The University gave us technical tools and, above all, the necessary confidence to take the leap into the business world". Both emphasize that "at UCAM you are not just a number. The

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Talent needs  
community”

## Being UCAM is forever and Alumni launches new platform

UCAM Alumni moves forward and, with the aim of further strengthening the service and offering more value to its former students, makes available to its graduates a new platform with the objective of creating a more dynamic space where connections generate real opportunities. If you are a graduate of the Catholic University of Saint Anthony, this new app will allow you to reconnect with classmates and professors, expand your professional network with an intelligent matching system based on artificial intelligence, access job offers and continuing education and, above all, be part of an active and growing global community with a common feeling, being forever part of your University.



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the app

figure of the personal tutor and the great accessibility of the professors allowed us to have very real and practical guidance", and they also highlight the values-based education received: "We work with people and for people. Respect, responsibility, ethics and commitment are part of our business culture. We try to ensure that our teams have not only good professionals, but good people. That coherence between what is learned and what is applied on a day-to-day basis is fundamental".

Francisco and Alejandro celebrate the launch of the alumni community as a fantastic and necessary initiative: "Maintaining the link with the university and creating a solid network of contacts among former students generates incredible synergies; talent needs

community and this service becomes a space to grow, collaborate and generate new opportunities". This is UCAM Alumni.

# Chaplaincy and Volunteering Calendar | Second semester

FEB.      MAY.  
**16 - 18**

## Specific volunteer work

Specific Volunteering service in nearly 140 associations in the fields of health, physical and mental disability, childhood, elderly or material or cultural poverty. Get to know in depth an association in the Region of Murcia and collaborate with it for one day.

Collaboration in the annual and sporadic campaigns of Caritas and Manos Unidas.

MAR.      MAY.  
**21 / 16**

## The Christian experience of God

Get to know Jesus Christ through testimonies of young Christians.

Murcia Campus

APR.  
**07 - 11**

## XIII University Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Visit, participation in celebrations liturgical and volunteer work.

APR.  
**21 / 28**

## Cinema and values

Spiritual reflection based on the seventh art. Experiences with silent cinema:

'The Kid  
'Cops  
'Number please  
'Dolly's Adventure  
'The Artist

Assembly hall of the Murcia Campus

APR.  
**24 - 25**

## Contemplating the night

Sierra Espuña Natural Park, Pliego area.

From 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

APR.      MAY.  
**25 / 23**

## The charitable service of the Church

A Saturday morning with the elderly at the Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in Cartagena.

## Holy Week



MAR.  
**23**

## Procession with the 'University Christ of Health'

Participation by the Infantry Regiment Zaragoza No. 5' of the Parachute Brigade BRIPAC and the university community.

At 11:00 a.m. Murcia Campus.

MAR.  
**31**

## Procession with the 'Christ of Health'

Students and workers from UCAM will accompany Good Friday to the Christ of Health through the streets of Murcia.

At 7:45 PM.  
Church of San Juan de Dios.

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APR. MAY. JUN.  
**25 / 09 / 20**

## Motus Christi

Reflection and growth meetings

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Murcia Campus

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MAY.  
**23**

## Walk on foot from the parish of Algezares to the Sanctuary of Fuensanta

Visit to the three cloistered monasteries: Franciscan Conceptionist, Poor Sisters and Discalced Carmelites, with testimonies.

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From 09:00h. at 2:00 p.m.

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JUN.  
**12**

## Diocesan march on foot, from Murcia to Monteagudo

Testimonies and Eucharist at the feet of the Heart of Jesus

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From 6:30 PM. at 11:30 p.m.

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## All year

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### Spiritual accompaniment

Schedule and frequency to be arranged with the priest

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### Daily Eucharist

**Murcia Campus:** 11:00 a.m. - Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament (next to the Secretary's Office and Library).

**Cartagena Campus:** 11:00 a.m. - Campus Chapel.

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### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration

#### Murcia Campus

Every school Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at 6:00 PM.

Holy Hour every Thursday at 1:30 PM. at 2:30 p.m.

#### Campus de Cartagena

Eucharistic Adoration 'Effetá' group. **Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m.**, in the Campus Chapel.

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### Encounters of maturation in the Faith

The groups and schedules will be agreed upon with the interested students.

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### Daily prayer meetings

#### Campus of Murcia

Every school day in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament (next to the Secretary's Office and Library).

8:30 a.m. Lauds

10:30 a.m. Holy Rosary

3:00 p.m. Rosary of Mercy and Mid-Hour

6:00 p.m. Vespers (Monday through Thursday)

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### Celebration of the Word

**Campus de Murcia (Monastery Temple):** Tuesday, from September 30 to May 19, from 3:00 PM. at 4:00 p.m., biweekly.

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### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Campus de Murcia:** personal meetings in October and November and six monthly gatherings on Saturdays, from November to May. Celebration: **Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Campus de Cartagena:** Saturdays, biweekly, from November to May.

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### Hakuna Murcia

Youth prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Murcia, every Tuesday, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. In Cartagena, every Tuesday, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the Parish of Carmen.

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### Prayer vigil for vocations

First Thursday of each month at 9:00 p.m. at the Major Seminary of San Fulgencio, Murcia.

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### Vocational group 'Alma Mater'

Gatherings and follow-up throughout the academic year.

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