

POSTULATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL COMPLEXITY SCIENCES

The application process to the PhD Program in Social Complexity Sciences is carried out annually through a call for application from December to March. The admission to the program takes place in August of each year. A maximum of five new students per generation will be accepted.

Applicants to the program may be those who hold at least a Bachelor's degree in disciplines related to social sciences or natural and exact sciences.

The process is divided into two phases: online application and selection phase.

I. Online Application

The postulants must fulfill a form from the DCCS website in the above mentioned dates. (<http://dccc.udd.cl>). The following information will be required:

- **Personal Background:** Name, Rut, ID or Passport, Date of birth, Nationality
- **Contact data:** Telephone, Email, Personal address.
- **Academic Background:**
 - Degree or undergraduate degree, University, graduation year, cumulative GPA and graduation ranking.¹
 - Additional academic degrees, University, graduation year, cumulative GPA and graduation ranking.²
 - Name of Thesis and supervisor's name for each academic degrees.

¹ Certificates will be required only if you are selected to second stage.

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- Publications in journals, books or book chapters (optional). Indicate type and link of publications if applies.
- Participation in seminars as expositor (optional).
- **Attached documents required in the form:**
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter of Intent

II. Selection phase

In each admission process, the Program Director and the Academic Committee designate an Admission Committee. This committee is in charge of evaluating all the applications and background presented and will select who should go to the interview stage. A maximum of 20 people should be selected for the next stage.

a. Selection criteria. Three key aspects will be considered for evaluation:

- i. Academic Background: Undergraduate and other studies are evaluated based on their academic success, university ranking (Scimago) and interdisciplinary capacity.
- ii. Career path and insertion into the discipline. It is evaluated according to the thesis subject and works previously done.
- iii. Objectives for doing this doctorate. It is evaluated according to the letters of intent and recommendation.

b. Interview phase. Applicants selected by the Admission Committee will be referred to an individual interview with this committee, plus a minister of faith in the name of the University.

Applicants must provide certificates supporting their academic degrees, according to what they want to present; besides their qualifications and ranking.

In the interview, the candidate will make a five-minute presentation on one of the three topics proposed 48 hours before it. The candidate will:

- Elaborate a research question based on the empirical evidence presented in the chosen topic - WHAT?
- Justify the relevance of the proposed research question - WHY?
- Suggest a methodology to answer the proposed research question (or test the hypothesis) - HOW?
- Answer questions regarding projections, dedication, motivation, interest in research, among others.

c. **Final Selection Stage.** Using the information acquired when doing the interview and the background presented, each applicant will be evaluated by the commission.

- The criteria for the assignment of score during the whole postulation process will be as follows:

Criteria	Score range	Percentage
Academic Background	1-5	35%
Career path	1-5	25%
Objectives and Interview	1-5	40%

- Evaluation Range:

EXCELLENT– 5 points – The proposal meets/addresses in an outstanding way all relevant aspects of the criteria in question. Any weakness is a detail.

VERY GOOD – 4 points – The proposal meets/addresses aspects of the criteria very well, although some improvements are possible.

GOOD – 3 points – The proposal meets/addresses aspects of the criteria in a good way, although it requires certain improvements.

REGULAR – 2 points – The proposal meets/addresses in general terms the aspects of the criteria, but there are important shortcomings.

DEFICIENT – 1 point – The proposal does not meet/adequately address the aspects of the criteria or there are serious deficiencies inherent.

DOES NOT QUALIFY– 0 points – Proposal does not meet/addresses criteria under analysis or cannot be evaluated due to lack of background or incomplete information.

The Admission Committee meets and reviews the scores obtained, thus raising the DCCS Application Resolution, which will be signed by all attendees.

This selection will be corroborated by the Vice-Rectorate of Research and Doctorate (VID), given the quotas assigned each year.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the process by acceptance or non-acceptance letters into the program. Accepted applicants will be tested on their English level.