
POSTULATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL COMPLEXITY SCIENCES

I. Application phase

The application process to the PhD Program in Social Complexity Sciences is carried out annually through a call. The convocatory is made from July to October 2021 and entry into the program takes place in March of 2022. 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 belonging to the social sciences or natural and exact sciences.

The background information is requested on our website through a form that must include¹:

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Name
- Rut or passport
- Birthdate
- Nationality
- Curriculum vitae (attached)

CONTACT

- Telephone
- Email
- Personal address (including city of residence)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Degree or undergraduate degree, University, year of graduation, cumulative weighted average and graduation rate - CERTIFICATES WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO SECOND STAGE.

¹ All documents must be sent in a pdf format.

- Additional academic degrees, University, year of graduation, cumulative weighted average and graduation ranking - CERTIFICATES WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY IF YOU GOT SELECTED TO SECOND STAGE.
- Name of Thesis and name of your supervisor in each of the academic degrees.
- Publications in journals, books or book chapters (optional) - INDICATE TYPE OF PUBLICATION AND LINK IF POSSIBLE.
- Participation in seminars (optional) AS EXPONENT.

BACKGROUND ON INTERESTS AND MOTIVATIONS

- Letter of Intent (Attached)
- Letter of Recommendation (Details of the recommender are requested and the Program coordination will contact the recommender directly)

At this stage, the *Certificate of Status of the Applicant in the Accredited Postgraduate Program* requested by ANID for the application for Doctoral Scholarships, will be issued by express request of the applicant to fbmartinez@udd.cl within the period stipulated by that institution.

II. Selection phase

a. Admission Committee

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 selecting those who go to the interview stage. It stipulates that no more than 20 people should be selected for the next stage.

b. Selection criteria

The selection criteria consider the evaluation of 3 central aspects:

- i. Academic Background: Undergraduate and other studies are evaluated based on their academic success, university ranking (Scimago) and interdisciplinary capacity.
- ii. Professional trajectory and insertion in the discipline: It is evaluated according to the thematic of thesis and work developed previously.
- iii. Objectives of doing this doctorate: It is evaluated as presented in the letters of intent and recommendation.

c. Interview phase

Applicants selected by the Admission Committee will be referred to an individual interview in front of the same committee plus a minister of faith representing the University.

They must deliver the certificates that support:

- Academic degrees obtained that you wish to present
- Notes
- Ranking

The interview will consider two aspects:

- i. The candidate must make a presentation of five minutes on one of the three topics that will be proposed 48 hours before the interview, in which he should:
 - Elaborate a research question based on the empirical evidence presented in the chosen option - WHAT?
 - Justify the relevance of the proposed research question - WHY?
 - Suggest a methodology to answer the proposed research question (or test the hypothesis) - HOW?
- ii. Answer questions regarding projections, dedication, motivation, interest in research, among others.

III. Final Selection

The commission evaluates each applicant from the interview and from the background presented. The criteria of assignment of score for all the process of postulation would be the following:

Criteria	Score range	Percentage
Academic Background	1-5	35%
Trayectory	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) as accepted, given the quotas allocated each year.

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

More information

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