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Juan Carlos Izpisúa, during his lecture on 'Cellular Identity and Rejuvenation' at the Spanish Royal National Academy of Medicine.

At the forefront of the global **fight against age-related diseases**

UCAM presented its Chair in Geroscience at the Spanish Royal National Academy of Medicine and announced a clinical trial involving 240 Alzheimer's patients. At the same event, Juan Carlos Izpisúa unveiled advances in cellular reprogramming that point to a common mechanism shared by multiple degenerative diseases

In the halls of the Spanish Royal National Academy of Medicine (RANME), where scientific rigour and the history of Spanish medicine have gone hand in hand for centuries, a session took place that has already become part of UCAM's history.

This was no ordinary session. It was a public demonstration that a commitment to science ultimately delivers results that

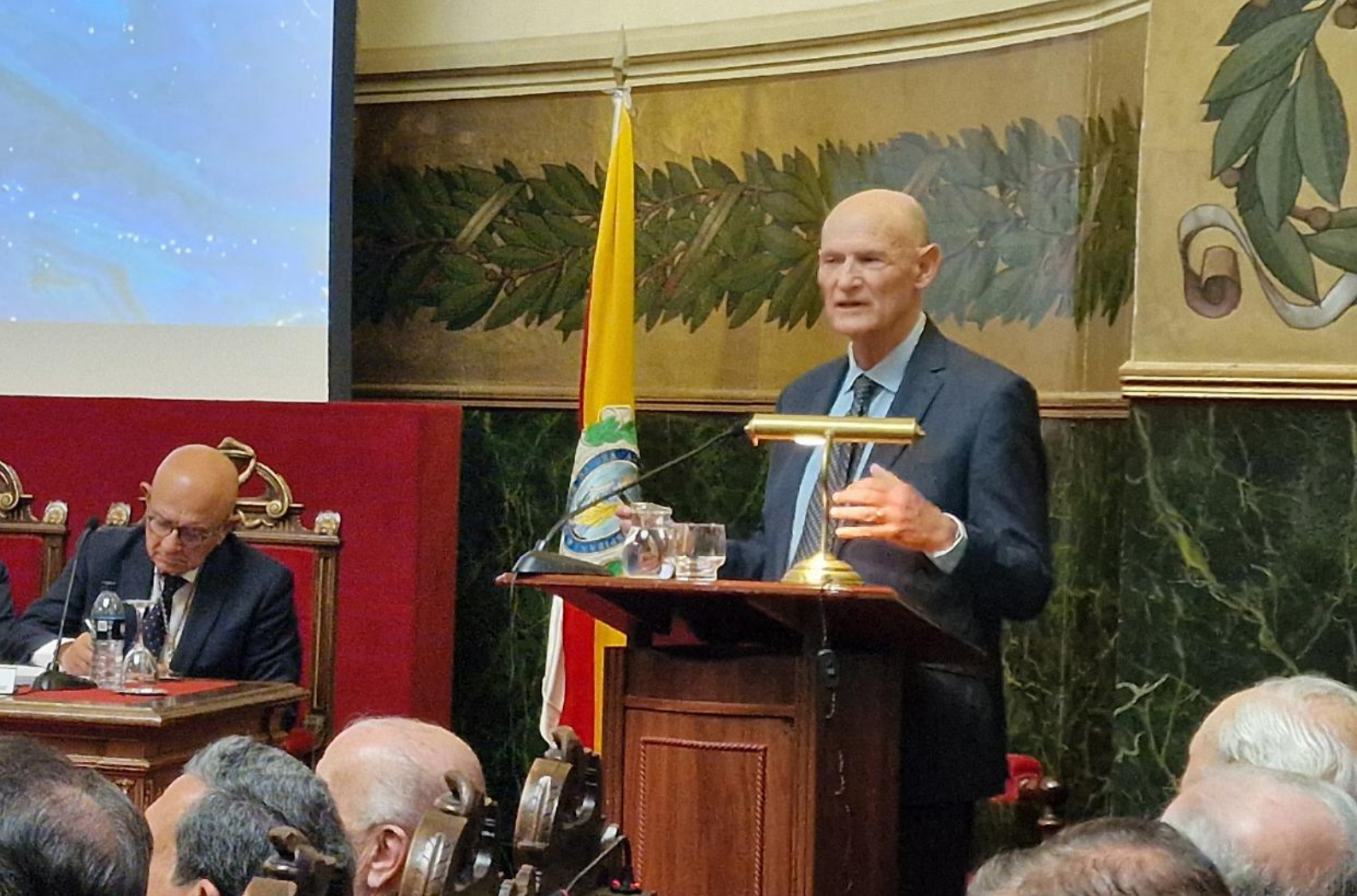
go beyond the laboratory and can, at last, reach patients.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Juan Carlos Izpisúa, founding scientist at Altos Labs and Professor of Developmental Biology at UCAM, whose relationship with the university goes back many years.

Izpisúa himself recalled this: 'More than a decade ago, José Luis Mendoza had

the vision and generosity to support this science in the service of human progress,' he said, also thanking María Dolores García for her constant support for research that, with UCAM's collaboration, has achieved worldwide recognition.

The results presented by Izpisúa are far-reaching. The research carried out at Altos Labs has made it possible to identify the loss of cellular identity as



a significant factor in the progression of disease and ageing. The researchers identified a mesenchymal drift — known as ‘mesenchymal drift’ — as being at the root of inflammation and fibrosis.

When they analysed this phenomenon across a large number of human diseases, they found dysregulation in every case. The conclusion was as robust as it was revealing: ‘The effect is independent of the disease model we are suffering from.’

Izpisúa presented advances in partial cellular reprogramming, a key mechanism for achieving healthy ageing

Twenty years ago, Japanese scientist Shinya Yamanaka discovered that modifying four factors in the human genome could reverse ageing by repairing damaged cells and enabling organs to recover their functionality. This opened

up a new line of research based on cellular reprogramming, which earned him the Nobel Prize and brought about a radical shift in the paradigm of medicine.

Now, Izpisúa’s team has taken a remarkable step forward. From the age of 30 onwards, our cells no longer defend themselves in the same way. We begin to age, and age-related diseases start to emerge. This finding prompted a profound rethink of therapeutic approaches.

‘Our aim is not to return adult cells to their embryonic state, but to adjust the identity of those that have lost their specialisation.’

This is the basis of partial cellular reprogramming, the technology published by Izpisúa a few years ago and whose latest advances he presented in Madrid. ‘By applying the Yamanaka factors in a controlled manner, we can restore cellular identity.’

The hypothesis now emerging is a powerful one: ‘If we develop technologies capable of stopping this ‘mesenchymal drift’, we may be able to improve the early progression and potential treatment of these diseases.’

The proof of concept is already under way. Izpisúa confirmed that it is being carried out at Hospital Clínic Barcelona using donated transplant organs that had been rejected due to deterioration, with the aim of restoring their functionality. According to the scientist himself, the initial results are ‘very promising’.

The clinical application of partial cellular reprogramming will also form part of the agenda of the Chair in Geroscience, which will incorporate it as a strategy to explore new ways of repairing tissue and delaying degenerative processes and functional decline.

Research has identified the loss of cellular identity as a determining factor in disease progression. Izpisúa’s advances reveal that it is possible to restore the functionality of these cells

The Chair created to understand ageing

Few universities can demonstrate such a firm and sustained commitment to the health of the elderly as UCAM. For more than a decade, it has supported scientists of international standing such as Juan Carlos Izpisua, funded lines of research at the frontier of biomedical knowledge and built bridges between the laboratory and the clinic.

The aim has remained unchanged: to improve the health of people as they age, slow the progression of diseases that continue to have a devastating impact — Alzheimer's, cancer and osteoporosis among them — and return the fruits of that investment to society in the form of real treatments. The most recent proof of this determination was the presentation of the Chair in Geroscience, an initiative that brought together some of the most prominent researchers on the international biomedical scene in Madrid.

The extraordinary scientific session, held under the title 'Geroscience: Regenerative Medicine and Longevity', was chaired by Eduardo Díaz-Rubio, President of RANME, and coordinated by María Trinidad Herrero, a full member of the Academy. It also featured contributions

from prestigious doctors and researchers, including Dr Pedro Guillén, founder of Clínica CEMTRO and Director of the UCAM Chair in Sports Traumatology.

María Dolores García, President of UCAM, set out the ethical horizon of the project from the outset: 'For UCAM, this Chair is much more than an academic and scientific project: it is a commitment to our elderly people, families, patients and society as a whole. We defend interdisciplinary research, open to collaboration and committed to the common good, which goes hand in hand with ethical reflection and respect for human dignity.'

UCAM's Chair in Geroscience, directed by Dr José Viña, was created with a clear scientific agenda. Its mission is to further the study of ageing and its associated diseases, bringing together different lines of research linked to regenerative medicine in order to provide innovative analytical approaches to the biological mechanisms underlying age-related chronic diseases.

But the presentation of the Chair was not limited to aims and intentions. Viña announced the launch of a clinical trial against Alzheimer's involving 240

patients, a milestone that marks the beginning of the real translation of this research to patients. The researcher also highlighted the importance of a recent diagnostic advance: 'This week, peripheral biomarkers for Alzheimer's have been approved, allowing us to determine — through a blood test — whether cognitive decline is due to this disease or not.'

This tool opens the door to earlier and more precise interventions, in line with the working philosophy that Viña summarised clearly: the aim is not to pursue extreme longevity, but to focus efforts on healthy ageing, preventing cognitive decline from developing into serious diseases. Viña thanked the UCAM President, María Dolores García, for her 'firm support' for these studies, which are based on the conviction that improving quality of life for elderly people must be the true guiding principle of research.

The Chair also seeks to train researchers, contribute to the generation of knowledge and promote projects with direct social impact: preserving the autonomy, functionality and vitality of elderly people through preventive and personalised medical techniques.

José Viña and Javier López Román, Director and Coordinator of the Chair in Geroscience





Neuroscience and immersive technologies at the service of the Army

UCAM's New Technologies for Health research group is working with the Marine Infantry School to develop an innovative training system for tactical medicine and highly complex healthcare environments.

E In an emergency, there are no second chances. But what if the brain could be trained to respond

better? That is the goal being pursued by UCAM and the 'General Albacete y Fuster' Marine Infantry School in Cartagena, which have turned

Virtual reality makes it possible to simulate chaos and train the brain to face it

technology into an ally in preparing military healthcare personnel for emergency situations.

Developed by UCAM's New Technologies for Health research group, the project combines immersive virtual reality with applied

neuroscience to improve response in high-pressure contexts, such as tactical medicine or the care of multiple casualties in combat.

The scenarios, recorded in 8K with actors and cinematic make-up, recreate the chaos of a rescue operation in a hostile environment with striking precision. Participants do not simply observe what is happening: they act, make decisions and face pressure as if

the situation were real.

From innovation to training

In the first phase, soldiers worked with virtually recreated situations at the Marine Infantry School facilities. This allowed them to face emergencies in a controlled environment, while also incorporating analysis of the brain's response to stress.

Repetition to improve reaction

The second phase introduced repeated practice as a key part of the learning process. Participants faced the same scenario several times in order to improve their response capacity. The aim is not to memorise, but to automate the response. At this stage, neural headsets were incorporated to measure attention, concentration and stress in real time, making it possible to analyse not only the decisions being made, but also how they are made.

From simulation to the field

Designed for personnel who act as first responders, this training pursues one clear objective: saving lives. Having previously experienced these situations reduces mental block and improves effectiveness when a real emergency occurs.

The third phase of the project, which will take place shortly, will bring UCAM representatives to the Marine Infantry School, where they will see new advanced simulation systems first-hand. Among them, a latest-generation mannequin stands out. A pioneering tool within the Army, as it enables techniques such as intubation and haemorrhage control to be practised, while also assessing their correct execution in real time. Its realism — from physiological signs to touch and weight — brings training closer to highly plausible real-life situations.

On the front line of NATO

The group has taken these technologies onto the international stage through participating in the NATO BULGARIA 2025 exercise, organised by the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre. UCAM, the only Spanish university selected, has applied systems based on virtual reality, digital twins and neuroscience to train first responders in disaster scenarios,



A soldier from the 'General Albacete y Fuster' Marine Infantry School in Cartagena (EIMGAF) during a virtual reality session with a neural headset.

validating these tools under operational conditions alongside international emergency teams.

EIMGAF promotes the continuous training of its soldiers in the most demanding scenarios

The development of these tools represents a significant advance in preparing personnel for highly demanding situations. The possibility of training in controlled yet highly

realistic environments helps reduce the margin of error in interventions where every decision is decisive.

Furthermore, the integration of immersive technology and neuroscientific analysis opens up new avenues in military training, as it makes it possible to understand the mental processes involved in decision-making under pressure. This approach helps improve action protocols and strengthens professional preparation.

In a context of growing operational complexity, initiatives like these consolidate a training model based on innovation and continuous improvement, with a direct impact on operational effectiveness.



New Technologies for Health Research Group

Led by Dr Manuel Pardo and Dr Daniel Guillén, the group develops innovative solutions that bring together technologies such as virtual reality, neuroscience and robotics and apply them to the healthcare field.

Its work focuses on clinical simulation and emergency training, helping improve decision-making in high-pressure environments. In addition, research carried out at UCAM by Professors Carmen Amalia López and Lucía López seeks to transfer these advances to real-life contexts, working with institutions and professional teams to optimise training and response in critical situations.

The group is also opening up new lines of work in areas such as healthcare education and emergency services, broadening the impact of technology on clinical and care practice.



Discover the research group



Deployment area for the research teams during the NATO BULGARIA 2025 operation.

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Academic offer of bachelor's degrees



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Faculty of **Medicine**

- Bachelor's Degree in Medicine⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Medicine (**Cartagena**)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Dentistry⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's in Dentistry (**Cartagena**)⁽¹⁾ ✚
- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology (**Madrid**)^{(1)*}
- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology⁽¹⁾ ✚

Faculty of **Health Sciences**

- Bachelor's Degree in
Veterinary Medicine (Bilingual)⁽¹⁾

Faculty of **Pharmacy and Nutrition**

- Bachelor's Degree in Biotechnology⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Food Science and Technology⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Food Science and Technology
+ Human Nutrition and Dietetics (**Madrid**)⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Gastronomy⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in
Human Nutrition and Dietetics⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in
Human Nutrition and Dietetics (**Madrid**)⁽¹⁾

Faculty of **Education**

- Bachelor's Degree in
Early Childhood Education⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in
Translation and Interpreting⁽¹⁾

Faculty of **Economics and Business**

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration
and Management⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration⁽¹⁾ ✚
- Bachelor's Degree in Marketing
and Commercial Management⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Tourism and Tourism
Business Management⁽³⁾

Faculty of **Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Occupational Therapy**

- Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy (**Cartagena**)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy (**Madrid**)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Podiatry⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Therapy⁽¹⁾

Faculty of **Sports**

- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Activity
and Sports Sciences⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Activity
and Sport Sciences (**Cartagena**)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Activity
and Sport Sciences⁽¹⁾ ✚

Faculty of **Nursing**

- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (**Cartagena**)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (**Madrid**)^{(1)*}

Faculty of **Law**

- Bachelor's Degree in Criminology⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Criminology (**Cartagena**)⁽²⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Law⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Labour Relations
and Human Resources⁽³⁾

Faculty of **Social Sciences and Communication**

- Bachelor's Degree in Journalism⁽¹⁾
- Double Bachelor's Degree in Journalism
and Digital Communication (University of Limerick)⁽¹⁾ ✚
- Bachelor's Degree in Audiovisual Communication⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Advertising, Public Relations
and Content Marketing⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in International Relations⁽¹⁾ ✚

Polytechnic School

- Bachelor's Degree in
Fundamentals of Architecture⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in Building Engineering
(Technical Architect)⁽¹⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in
Computer Engineering⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Bachelor's Degree in
Telecommunication
Technologies Engineering⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾

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*In process

'In film and marketing, passion and courage are key'

Antonio Giménez Palazón, Murcia-native and Director of UCAM's Master's Degree in Marketing and Communication for the Entertainment Industry, has worked on the promotional strategy for Frankenstein and F1, two films acknowledged at the latest edition of the Oscars, the most prestigious awards in the film industry.

Born and raised in Murcia, Antonio was expected to study Medicine, following family tradition, but he always knew that his true calling was cinema. In the end, he decided to sit the entrance exams for Audiovisual Communication at the University of Navarra. He was accepted and chose to turn his great passion into his profession.

In this interview, conducted at UCAM's Radio and Television Studio, he explains how a young man from Murcia managed to reach the very top of the global film industry. Lights, camera, action.

How important was film in your childhood, and when did you realise you wanted it to be part of your life?

Film was central to my life from a very young age. My parents took me to the cinema every weekend, and I



have especially fond memories of films such as E.T., Cocoon, The Abyss and Schindler's List. I even used to celebrate my birthday by going to the cinema. That early connection with the big screen and with films clearly shaped my vocation.

'Artificial intelligence is not a threat; it is a major opportunity for marketing'

How did your family react when you decided not to study Medicine and to pursue a career in audiovisual media instead?

The decision came as quite a surprise at home, because studying Audiovisual Communication in 1996 was still very new and not widely understood. My father said something I have never forgotten: 'Don't confuse a hobby with a career.' But I replied with an idea that has guided my entire career: turning my passion into my profession.

How did you go from studying Audiovisual Communication to working in film marketing, and what was your first major opportunity in the industry?

While I was at university, I discovered the world of marketing and realised that it allowed me to bring creativity and industry together. I then moved to Madrid, and my first major opportunity came with The Others, by Alejandro Amenábar. I started out doing basic production tasks, but my command of English opened the door to working with promotional materials and with Miramax, which naturally led me towards marketing.

What were your early days at Sogecine like, and which films defined that first stage of your career?

My beginnings were very hands-on and gradual. After completing my internship, I ended up taking on marketing duties within the production company and became Marketing Coordinator at Sogecine. During that period, I worked on campaigns for major titles such as The Others, Mort and Phil, The Sea Inside and Mad Love. That experience became a decisive foundation for the rest of my career.

How did you make the leap to Los Angeles, and what did working there for twenty years mean for your career?

It happened thanks to the support of my boss, who helped me obtain a scholarship to study marketing in Los Angeles. At first, it was meant to be a one-year experience, but Columbia offered me the chance to stay on, and that eventually turned into a two-decade professional career in the United States. That period allowed me to work at the heart of the industry and establish myself internationally.

After returning to Murcia, how have you managed to continue developing international campaigns for major studios?

I returned to Murcia for family reasons, when my mother fell ill, although during some time I continued working with Columbia on a very demanding schedule. Later, I closed that chapter and launched a new project with a former colleague, María Clemente. Together, we created a company through which we continue to run global campaigns for studios and platforms such as Sony, Universal, Apple and Netflix, particularly in the international sphere.

As an industry expert, have platforms weakened cinema, or are they part of its evolution?

My view is clear: platforms do not destroy cinema; they are part of the natural evolution of the industry, just

as sound, television and DVD were before them. What did change quite significantly was audience behaviour after the pandemic, because many people became used to watching at home films they would previously have gone to the cinema to see. The great challenge now, in my opinion, is to re-educate audiences in the value of the cinema experience.

'The Oscars are in a league of their own, but the film industry still feels like a family'

Why does the experience of watching a film in the cinema remain so important, and what role does marketing play in the success of a release these days?

The cinema turns a film into a collective experience, a shared event. A good example is Barbie, which became a cultural phenomenon because people went to the cinema, got involved and turned the film into an event. In that context, marketing is decisive: it creates buzz, gives visibility and turns a title into something the public feels they cannot miss out on. Today, a major campaign can even become as important as the film itself.



UCAM is supported by audiovisual sector associations in an initiative designed to strengthen the industry's ongoing expansion.



UCAM launches the International Film School

The film and audiovisual industry in the Region of Murcia is enjoying a period of growth, driven by the rise in national and international productions being filmed in the area. The scale of the projects now being developed by production companies, the roll-out of the Region of Murcia Film Commission strategy and the launch of infrastructures such as the Murcia Audiovisual HUB are no longer just future plans, but tangible realities.

Against this encouraging backdrop, UCAM is launching its International Film School, supported by leading associations from the audiovisual sector: CINEMUR, APROMUR, ARTV, AMMA and UARM. The School brings together Bachelor's degrees, Master's degrees, programmes and specialised courses designed in close collaboration with the industry itself.

This structure provides students with access to up-to-date, competitive training

with a clear focus on employability, helping them acquire the technical, creative and professional skills demanded by today's market. Teaching will be delivered by leading professionals in the sector, including marketing strategy expert Antonio Giménez Palazón.

Juan Francisco Hernández, Director of the School, explains: 'We will offer programmes that are genuinely relevant and necessary, helping our students develop as professionals and enter the sector with the strongest possible preparation.'

Its educational model combines academic excellence, professional practice and critical thinking

Courses available

MASTER'S DEGREES

- Marketing and Communication for the Entertainment Industry
- Compositing for VFX
- Action Specialist
- Acting for Film and TV
- Music Production

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- Screenwriting
- Film Directing
- Executive Production
- Production Management
- Live Sound Recording
- AVID Editing
- Introduction to Digital Photography
- Professional Mobile Photography
- Art and Set Design

The School will continue to add new qualifications over the coming months.



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Madrid moves to the rhythm of its new Campus

With pre-enrolment now open and the start of its first academic year fast approaching, UCAM's new Madrid Campus is emerging as a university ecosystem full of activity, events and academic life

In under 30 years since its foundation, UCAM has achieved unprecedented international expansion. Its consolidation as a benchmark in Spain, together with the exponential growth of its ability to attract students, made the creation of a campus in the capital a natural strategic step: a way to project its model of excellence from Madrid to the rest of the world.

This new stage comes at a historic moment of growth for Torrejón de Ardoz, where UCAM's new campus is located, and coincides with the international standing the Murcian institution has earned through its own efforts.

Five university degrees with pre-enrolment open for the 2026/27 academic year

With the start of the academic year on the horizon, UCAM's Madrid Campus has intensified its activity and public presence, receiving an excellent response. Its specialised focus on health and sport, reinforced by the strategic alliance with the Spanish Olympic Committee, has helped it stand out from the outset.

In recent months, the Campus has opened its doors to showcase the new facilities that students will begin using in September. They will form the first intake of the five approved on-campus degrees for the 2026/27 academic year: Physiotherapy, Nursing, Psychology, Nutrition, and the double degree in Food Science and Technology with Nutrition.

Located on the prominent Avenida de la Constitución, the centre has become an open house, welcoming visits from schools, education consultants, associations and families. This openness has also been strengthened by UCAM's participation in education fairs and in initiatives linked to sport and nutrition, fields in which it already holds a leading global position.

The Open Day held in April was the first for a Campus with a clear international vocation. UCAM's President, the Mayor of Torrejón and Olympians Saúl Craviotto and Adriana Cerezo were among those who attended the event.

Visitors followed a route through simulation rooms, specialised classrooms and laboratories, seeing the latest-generation equipment available in the spaces designed for students first-hand. They also learned about student information and comprehensive support services, volunteering programmes and the housing options UCAM offers in Madrid for both national and international students.

The visit also presented all the services that UCAM is now bringing to its students in Madrid: the UCAM ESI Language School, the Career Guidance and Employment Information Service, Vocational Training and the programmes of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, an ecclesiastical institution managed by UCAM in Madrid and specialised in studies on marriage and family.

The success of the event reflects the interest and expectation that UCAM is generating in the local society.



UCAM stand at the Madrid Spring Festival with canoeists David Cal and Paco Cubelos, boxer Ayoub Ghadfa, UCAM President María Dolores García, and María Mendoza, Head of the UCAM-COE Campus.

UCAM reinforced its commitment to sport with international reach through its strong presence at the Madrid Spring Festival, where it sponsored the Spring Race, an event that brought together more than 4,000 runners in the capital between February and March.

In the same spirit, the meeting promoted by Pedro Emilio Alcaraz in Las Rozas also helped raise the profile of UCAM's Madrid project, together with the Spanish Sports University. More than 200 professionals from European and American clubs took part in 'SCS Football Lab 2026', held at the Spanish Football Federation's Football City. Once again, the event linked UCAM's name to applied research, high performance and knowledge transfer in a particularly competitive field.

UCAM's presence at the Aula Fair during Education Week had already reinforced this same line of action. In March, UCAM attended IFEMA with the academic offering of its Madrid Campus, at a stand that proved highly successful thanks to its programme of recreational and sporting activities and an offering aligned with the degrees that will begin to be taught in Torrejón.

Clinical simulations, professional guidance tests, virtual reality experiences, physiotherapy demonstrations, and sensory, laboratory and leisure activities turned the stand into a point of referen-



Athletes Chío Delgado and Marta Nuño, from the Spanish Olympic Committee's 'Todos Olímpicos' programme, with students from Liceo Sorolla B at the Madrid Campus.



UCAM researchers at SCS Football Lab 2026, held at the Spanish Football Federation's Football City.

ce for young people interested in a comprehensive academic model based on teaching quality, personalised attention, applied technology, international outlook, humanistic values and a vocation for service.

It was undoubtedly one of UCAM's most successful years at Spain's largest education fair, helping to raise the profile of the Campus among students and families preparing to make one of the most important decisions of their lives.

The Campus continues to host leading events in sport and health

The Campus has also hosted the Fourth Conference of the Association of Dietitians-Nutritionists in Spanish Football (ADNEFE in Spanish), further highlighting the role UCAM aims to play in Madrid in the fields of nutrition, health and sport.

Opening the doors of its new Campus, listening to students and families and providing them with information, is how UCAM has moved forward in Madrid in recent months. With pre-enrolment for the 2026/27 academic year now open, university life is beginning to take shape as the institution consolidates the presence of a project that is already standing out in Madrid.

A few days earlier, the site had welcomed around fifty international delegates from 25 countries across Europe, Asia, America and Africa, all keen to learn about the UCAM project. With almost 6,000 students from 135 nationalities, internationalisation is one of UCAM's cornerstones, and the Madrid Campus will help strengthen the diversity and cultural richness of its classrooms.



Open Day at the UCAM-COE Campus.



Prospective students and their families take part in healthcare simulations in the Campus classrooms.

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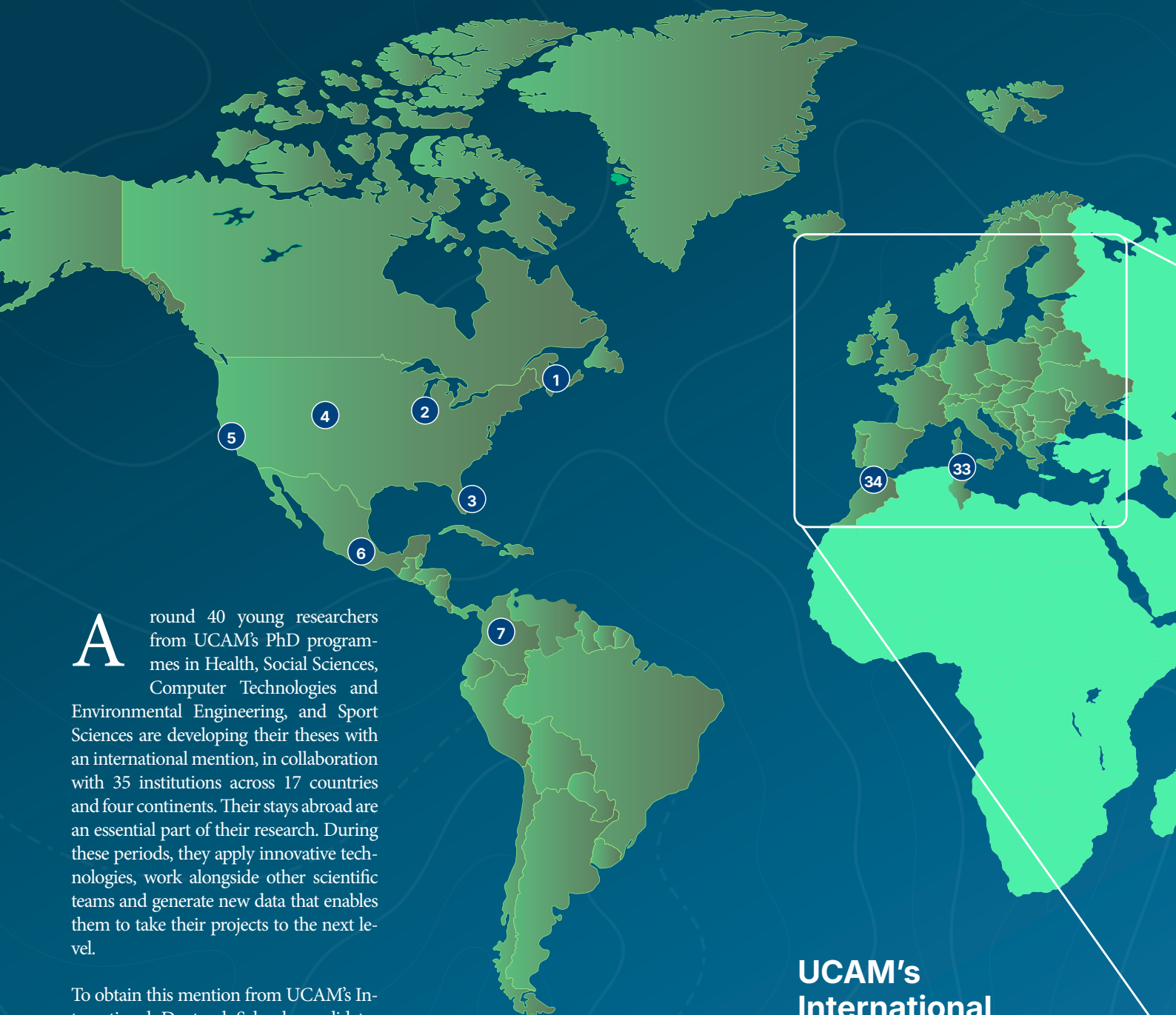
→ Degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

→ Degree in Nursing

→ Degree in Psychology

→ Degree in Food Science and Technology and Degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

Doctoral students around the world



Around 40 young researchers from UCAM's PhD programmes in Health, Social Sciences, Computer Technologies and Environmental Engineering, and Sport Sciences are developing their theses with an international mention, in collaboration with 35 institutions across 17 countries and four continents. Their stays abroad are an essential part of their research. During these periods, they apply innovative technologies, work alongside other scientific teams and generate new data that enables them to take their projects to the next level.

To obtain this mention from UCAM's International Doctoral School, candidates must complete at least one three-month stay at a research institution or university outside Spain, write part of their thesis in a language other than Spain's official languages and defend it before at least two international experts.

**UCAM's
International
Doctoral School
has awarded
83 international
thesis mentions**

Institutions hosting UCAM research stays

UNITED STATES

1. Weill Cornell Medicine
2. Department of Food Science, Purdue University
3. University of Miami
4. Colorado State University
5. Stanford University

MEXICO

6. CICATA Morelos

COLOMBIA

7. Centro de Formación en Actividad Física

PORTUGAL

8. Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde
9. Centre for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry - UCP
10. Centro de Investigação em Atividade Física, Saúde e Lazer (CIAFEL-FADEUP)

SWEDEN

11. University of Gothenburg
12. KTH – Stockholm

NETHERLANDS

13. Amsterdam University Medical Center

DENMARK

14. Amager-Hvidovre Hospital

GREAT BRITAIN

15. Trinity Laban Conservatoire
16. University of Glasgow
17. Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences, The University of Edinburgh

ITALY

18. Università degli Studi di Cassino
19. UNIVPM – Università Politecnica delle Marche
20. UNIBO Università di Bologna
21. Università degli Studi di Siena
22. Università degli Studi di Salerno
23. Università "Magna Graecia"
24. Università di Ferrara
25. Università degli Studi di Cagliari
26. Università di Napoli "Parthenope"
27. Sapienza Università di Roma

GERMANY

28. Saarland University

AUSTRIA

29. Graz University of Technology

CZECH REPUBLIC

30. University of Defence

ALBANIA

31. Faculty of Medicine, University of Tirana

MALTA

32. EIMS – St Julians

TUNISIA

33. Université Centrale

MOROCCO

34. Université Abdelmalek Essaadi

IRAN

35. University of Isfahan



Researchers' chronicles



Ana Albaladejo González

Weill Cornell Medicine (United States)
PhD Programme in Health Sciences

Ana Albaladejo González completed her international research stay at one of the leading medical and postgraduate schools in the United States, an institution with outstanding activity in biomedical research and in the connection between basic science and translational medicine. There, she worked with the Moscat & Diaz-Meco group, an international benchmark in the study of the molecular foundations of cancer and other diseases. Her doctoral thesis focuses on markers linked to the development and progression of metastatic colorectal cancer, with particular attention to the protein fascin. Her research examines the role this protein may play in tumour progression and the other markers that could be associated with it.



Juan Pablo Medellín Ruiz

Centro de Formación en Actividad Física y Cultura, Regional Distrito Capital, del Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (Colombia)
PhD Programme in Sport Sciences

Juan Pablo Medellín Ruíz completed his international stay at an institution focused on training and applied work in sport and physical activity. His research explores how strength training planning can be improved through indicators that make it possible to observe the body's response to exertion. In particular, he analyses whether heart rate variability can be used to organise training over a six-week period and compares this approach with other models based on movement execution speed. In doing so, he seeks to determine the extent to which monitoring internal load can be a useful tool for adjusting and periodising strength training.



Pau López Guardiola

Stanford University (United States)
PhD Programme in Social Sciences

Pau López Guardiola is due to carry out his fourth doctoral stay at Stanford University, an international benchmark in technological research, where he will develop his work in Professor Alice Siu's laboratory. His thesis focuses on two rapidly expanding fields that are changing the way people relate to information and digital environments: generative artificial intelligence and spatial computing. More specifically, he analyses the potential of tools such as virtual reality and augmented reality to transform processes such as learning, communication and the way we process information.



Igor García Atutxa

CICATA Morelos del Instituto Politécnico Nacional (Mexico)
PhD Programme in Computer Technologies and Environmental Engineering

Igor García Atutxa travelled to CICATA Morelos, a centre focused on applied research and interdisciplinary work in areas such as artificial intelligence and biomedicine, to complete his international stay. Over three months, he focused on developing and evaluating an artificial intelligence algorithm for the early detection of gynaecological cancer, with particular attention to ovarian cancer, based on ultrasound images. His doctoral thesis studies how this type of tool can help identify and classify ovarian tumours from medical images, contributing to earlier and more accurate diagnosis.



Official Master's Degrees

Polytechnic School

- Architecture⁽¹⁾
- Civil Engineering⁽¹⁾
- Pathology, Intervention and Sustainability in Buildings⁽³⁾

Economy and Business

- Business Management⁽³⁾
- MBA-Master Business Administration⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸
- Strategic Project Management⁽³⁾
- Administrative Management⁽³⁾
- Corporate Social Responsibility⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Tourism

- Management of Hotels and Catering Companies⁽³⁾
- Hospitality Management⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸
- Innovation and Tourism Marketing⁽³⁾
- Development, Management and Sustainable Tourism Policy⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸
- Innovation and Tourism Marketing⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸

Law

- Access to the Professions of Lawyering and Procurement⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Security Sciences and Criminology⁽³⁾
- Military Law⁽³⁾
- Administrative Management⁽³⁾

Communication and Marketing

- Communication Direction⁽³⁾
- Marketing and Communication⁽¹⁾ 🇺🇸

Education

- Social Development⁽³⁾
- Simultaneous Studies in Teacher Training and Research in Physical Education and Health⁽²⁾
- Teacher Training⁽²⁾
- Teacher Training of Spanish as a Foreign Language⁽³⁾
- Bilingual Teaching: English⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾

Sports sciences

- High Performance Sports: Strength and Conditioning⁽²⁾
- Direction and Management of Sports Entities⁽²⁾
- Sports Physiotherapy⁽²⁾
- Physical Exercise and Training for Health⁽²⁾
- Research in Physical Education and Health⁽²⁾
- Management of Sport Entities + MBA⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸
- High Performance Sport: Strength and Conditioning⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ 🇺🇸

(1) Classroom (2) Blended
(3) Online (4) English



Health

- Audiology and Balance⁽²⁾
- Advances in Cardiology⁽³⁾
- Bioethics⁽³⁾
- Marriage and Family Sciences⁽³⁾
- Foot Surgery for Podiatrists⁽¹⁾
- Diagnostic Imaging in Cardiology⁽³⁾
- School Nursing and Child Health⁽²⁾
- Occupational Health Nursing⁽²⁾
- Emergency and Special Care Nursing⁽¹⁾
- Sports Physiotherapy⁽²⁾
- Health Services Management and Planning⁽²⁾
- Geriatrics and Gerontology: Comprehensive Care for Dependency⁽²⁾
- Research in Social and Health Sciences⁽³⁾
- Emergency Medicine⁽¹⁾
- Nutrition in Physical Activity and Sports⁽²⁾
- Clinical Nutrition⁽²⁾
- Nutrition and Food Safety⁽²⁾
- Osteopathy and Manual Therapy⁽²⁾
- Occupational Risk Prevention⁽³⁾
- General Health Psychology⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
- Voice, Language and Communication Disorders⁽²⁾

Continuing Education Master's Degrees

- Legal-labor consultancy⁽³⁾
- Attention to Diversity⁽³⁾
- VFX Composition⁽²⁾
- Management and Administration of Racket Sports Clubs and Schools⁽³⁾
- Human Resources Management and Direction⁽³⁾
- Interior Design⁽³⁾
- Jewish Studies⁽³⁾
- Management and Direction of Educational Institutions⁽²⁾
- International Human Rights Law⁽³⁾
- Leadership and Managerial Skills in the Ibero-American Space⁽³⁾
- MBA in Sports Management⁽¹⁾
- Digital Marketing and Strategy⁽²⁾
- Methodology and BIM/GIS Programming and Data Governance⁽²⁾
- Neuroeducation⁽³⁾
- Sports Journalism⁽³⁾
- Clinical and Sports Podiatry⁽²⁾
- Physical Preparation and Sports Rehabilitation in Soccer⁽²⁾
- Music Production⁽²⁾
- Psychology of Sport, Exercise and Human Performance⁽³⁾
- Sports Management⁽¹⁾
- Sustainable Humanitarian Action⁽²⁾
- Digital Transformation of the Agricultural Sector⁽²⁾
- Sports Traumatology⁽²⁾
- Graphic Design on/offline⁽²⁾
- Business Administration and Management⁽³⁾
- Financial Management⁽³⁾
- Hotel and Gastronomy Management⁽³⁾
- Project Management⁽³⁾
- Finance and Risk Management⁽³⁾
- Project Management⁽³⁾
- MBA Data Analytics⁽³⁾
- MBA Project Management⁽³⁾
- International MBA⁽³⁾
- MBA in Business Management⁽³⁾
- MBA in Finance⁽³⁾
- MBA in Human Resources⁽³⁾
- Marketing and Business Management⁽³⁾



Among the best in the world in sport and medicine

Out of 5,203 institutions worldwide, this prestigious ranking has placed UCAM among the 1,910 universities selected after assessing their quality in specific areas of knowledge.



In the global Top 100 for Sport Sciences

Ranked
51 - 100
among the
global elite

Recognised for the
excellence
of its
academic model
and **teaching staff**

UCAM has built a distinctive identity in the field of sport through the strength of its teaching, its scientific output and its support model for elite athletes. This has earned it international recognition as 'The University of Sport' and positioned it as one of the world's leading universities for studying the Degree in Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, offered in both Spanish and English, as well as for pursuing highly specialised postgraduate programmes through UCAM Spanish Sports University.

The Faculty of Sport stands out for its educational innovation, the quality of its student training and the strong research activity of its teaching staff. Its programmes provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to build careers in the sports sector, whether as educators, facility or organisation managers, personal trainers, fitness coaches or specialists in other professional areas.

Alongside the best in Medicine

Ranked
701-850

Standing out for its
competitiveness
among established medical
faculties worldwide

The Degree in Medicine is designed to give students the scientific knowledge and clinical skills required for professional practice. Training is delivered through innovative learning methods, with a particular focus on cutting-edge technologies, especially simulation and clinical skills, and is supported by a highly qualified and committed teaching staff.

UCAM's Faculty of Medicine offers degrees in Medicine, Psychology and Dentistry, as well as several specialised Master's degrees. External placements in public and private health centres and hospitals form an essential part of the programme, allowing future professionals to complement the training they receive in the Campus's own facilities. Students also have the opportunity to begin preparing for the MIR examination with CTO from their first year.

The CYD Ranking highlights UCAM with 13 Top indicators

Fundación Conocimiento y Desarrollo has presented its 2026 Ranking, analysing 84 Spanish universities, including UCAM, which has improved its position compared with the previous edition and continues to climb within the university landscape.

In addition to Teaching and Learning, UCAM stands out for its ability to attract investment and financial resources for R&D&I. In Knowledge Transfer, it ranks as the leading university in the Region of Murcia and second in Spain for private funds secured.

It also performs strongly in technology transfer, ranking as the second private university in the country for patents granted per lecturer and fourth among private universities for attracting external research funding.

Its national and international appeal is also noteworthy. UCAM is placed in the national Top 20 for its offering of degrees taught in another

language, namely English. These include Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, Dentistry, Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, Psychology, International Relations and Veterinary Medicine, alongside several postgraduate programmes.

In this edition, CYD focused on analysing the fields of Law, Business

Administration and Management, Journalism and Education, all of which show highly positive indicators in employability, internationalisation and research.

The results also show that a high percentage of UCAM graduates are employed in roles aligned with their education.

Teaching and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bachelor's degree students from other communities ● Master's degree students from other communities ● Master's degree graduation rate ● Master's degree regulatory graduation rate ● Master's degree performance rate
Knowledge transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Private funds secured ● Research periods recognised
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● External research funds secured ● Research periods recognised
International outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Degrees taught in English ● Master's degrees taught in English ● Doctoral theses by international students
Contribution to regional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regional research funds

Recognised in other prestigious national and international rankings



QS World University Ranking Europe 2026

UCAM stands out for its:

Academic reputation and Employer reputation



THE World University Rankings 2026

UCAM consolidates its position as

3rd in research and knowledge transfer



HAZ Foundation

UCAM is ranked as:

3rd private university in Spain for transparency and social commitment



UN ECOSOC

UCAM is recognised as:

1st in Spain with consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council



A dream come true

After months of planning, countless hours of study, nerves, excitement and anticipation, the day finally arrives: graduation day. Over the coming weeks, more than 3,000 UCAM students will take centre stage as they celebrate this long-awaited milestone with their lecturers, families and friends. It is the moment when years of effort, commitment and perseverance become a shared celebration. Congratulations, graduates!

The countdown appears on the screen. The room fills with emotion: whispered words between classmates, waves from across the hall and warm embraces with academic leaders, lecturers, and administrative and support staff who have accompanied the students throughout their academic journey. There are tearful glances towards family members, the occasional selfie and smiles that say more than words ever could. Then the music begins and, at last, the moment every student has imagined becomes real.

During the final week of June and the first weeks of July, Universidad Católica San Antonio celebrates its graduation ceremonies, with the institution carefully preparing every detail to make the occasion truly unforgettable. Students from the Cartagena Campus receive their sashes and diplomas in the very place where they have com-



Graduations 2026

June (Cartagena)

Thursday
18

**Nursing
& CAFD**

20:00 h. UCAM Campus

Friday
19

**Criminology,
Physiotherapy
& Dentistry**

20:00 h. UCAM Campus

Are you graduating?
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ticket here



July (Murcia)

Wednesday
01

**Faculties of
Education and
Comunicación**

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

Thursday
02

**Faculties of
Pharmacy
and Nutrition
and Polytechnic**

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

Friday
03

**Faculty of
Nursing**

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

Saturday
04

Medicine

11:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

FP UCAM

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

Monday
06

**Faculties of
Economics and
Business
and Law**

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

Tuesday
07

**Faculties of
Sport, Physio,
Podiatry and
Occupational Therapy**

19:00 h. Palacio de los Deportes

pleted their studies, while those from the Murcia Campus celebrate their ceremony at the city's Palacio de los Deportes. The University makes a considerable effort to ensure that students can share this special day with as many family members and friends as possible. Alongside the graduates are their personal tutors, who have supported them both academically and personally throughout their studies. This individual guidance is one of the defining features of UCAM's educational model and one of the aspects most highly valued by its students.

After the speeches by the University's senior representatives and the Faculty, the student representative takes the floor to look back on the moments they have shared together: the most meaningful, the funniest and the most unforgettable. Their classmates respond with applause, laughter and a few tears, as memories return of everything they have experienced at what will always be their university. Then comes the speech by the patron. The sashes are presented, filling the ceremony with colour, symbolism and pride. And with that, one chapter comes to a close, as another begins.



The Rector, Josefina García, presents the award for Best Academic Record.

View the
graduation
photos



Graduations that transcend borders

At the end of the academic year, UCAM does not only celebrate the graduation ceremonies of its undergraduate and Master's students from its Murcia and Cartagena campuses. It also celebrates the achievements of young people studying through the programmes it delivers in other parts of the world, or in partnership with international institutions.

In Havana, in collaboration with the local development project La Moneda Cubana, the University has been offering free educational programmes since 2008, helping many young people in key sectors such as gastronomy and business management.

Another notable graduation ceremony is held in partnership with Exeed College, an academic institution based in Dubai and a UCAM partner since 2018. The college brings together students from more than 20 countries, who pursue Master's



UCAM has graduated university technicians in cooking and gastronomy in Cuba.

and doctoral programmes in areas such as management, technology and education.

Also of note are the graduation ceremonies of German professionals from FOM University of Applied Sciences for Econo-

mics and Management, many of whom work for major multinational companies, as well as those of Mexican students from Instituto Irapuato, in Guanajuato, who complete a Leadership and Entrepreneurship Programme in Murcia.

Breaking down barriers



Graduation ceremony for students of the UCAMPACITAS programme.

Back in Spain, and more specifically in the Region of Murcia, UCAM has been offering its own university qualification in Business and Socio-Employment Activities for the past 12 years. Known as the UCAMPACITAS programme, it is delivered in collaboration with Fundación ONCE and the European Social Fund.

Aimed at people with intellectual, deve-

lopmental and/or autism spectrum disabilities, the programme provides training in academic, personal, social and professional skills, all geared towards social and employment inclusion.

It was the first university project of its kind in the Region of Murcia and one of the first in Spain. It was created with a clear purpose: to respond to the need

for specific training that supports the future employment and professional development of these students, but above all, to improve their quality of life.

A university for everyone, open to everyone, which this year once again celebrates a new graduating class of UCAMPACITAS students.



The Poor Clare Sisters of Hellín present UCAM President María Dolores García with a sample of each of the sashes they make for the University in their convent.



'You will always be part of this institution'

When UCAM students receive the sash corresponding to the degree they have completed at graduation — or later come across it while practising their profession — they are filled with that same sense of emotion and pride.

That band, in the colour represen-

ting their field of study, with the name of the degree embroidered alongside the institution's crest, links them even more closely to their university.

But behind these sashes lies a beautiful story: that of the Poor Clare Sisters of Hellín, who are responsible for making each and every one of them.

There, in their convent, they prepare them every academic year, one by one, with the same care and dedication. They mark, cut, embroider and iron them, from the first to the last, praying and singing as they work.

A source of support for the convent and a blessing for all those who wear them.

Connect with your global network: UCAM Alumni

The alumni community brings together talent, experience and projects, offering continuous training, guidance and opportunities for growth throughout every stage of professional life.



A recent UCAM graduate delivering her class speech during the ceremony at the Palacio de los Deportes in Murcia.

When university life comes to an end, a new path begins, full of decisions, challenges and opportunities. On that journey, UCAM Alumni, the alumni network of Universidad Católica San Antonio, provides a meeting point for professionals at every stage of their career: from those taking their first steps in the world of work to those seeking new connections, experiences and opportunities.

An ecosystem for more than 60,000 UCAM professionals

It is a dynamic environment where talent, experience and new initiatives come together. UCAM Alumni acts as a space for connection between diverse profiles, where knowledge is shared, collaborations are

created and new opportunities begin to take shape. The network brings together a wide range of career paths, creating an environment where experience and innovation meet.

Professional events, training activities and networking spaces strengthen these ties and encourage continuous learning. It is an ecosystem that grows with its members and promotes valuable relationships for their professional and personal development.

Alumni success stories



Salvador Peñarrubia Martínez

Founder and CEO of the Juan de Borbón and San Antón physiotherapy clinics in Murcia, Salvador Peñarrubia Martínez has developed a project that reflects a very clear way of understanding physiotherapy. From the outset, he knew he wanted to move away from standardised approaches and build a patient-centred model, where clinical judgement, personalised care and quality define every treatment.

A UCAM Physiotherapy graduate, his professional journey led him to create his own approach: one in which care is understood as a complete process, focused on results and on achieving genuine improvement for each patient.



Lorena Sánchez Martínez

A general health psychologist, Director of En Calma and Más en Calma, and Co-Director of Senda Espacio Terapéutico, Lorena Sánchez Martínez has built a project centred on psychological support from a close, human and vocational perspective. A UCAM graduate in Psychology and Early Childhood Education, she has shaped her own model based on empathy, authentic care and teamwork.

Today, she combines in-person and online therapy with the training of future professionals and communication on mental health through the podcast Voces En Calma. Her work was recognised with Doctoralia's Certificate of Excellence in 2019.

What UCAM Alumni offers



Networking and events



Continuous training through UCAM Hitech



Mentoring programmes



Job bank and access to SOIL



Exclusive benefits and discounts



Sports Center and healthcare clinics



Professional guidance



Use of the library and study spaces



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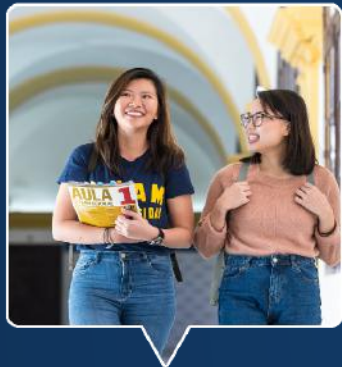
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First contact

International Marketing

- General information
- Requirements and deadlines



Admission process

International Admissions

- Document review
- Admission and issuing of the admission letter required to apply for a visa



Campus Life

6

Psychological support

CAIF

Academic tutor and personal tutor

Faculties

5



International Welcome



Student Care y Housing

Support for students throughout their stay



SPANISH



ENGLISH





Graduation ceremonies

10

Alumni

¡Seguimos unidos!



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International Mobility

ORI (International Relations Office)
international students also have access to a wide range of international mobility programmes



8

Work placements

SOIL (Career Guidance and Employment Information Service)
Work placements in renowned companies within the sector



9

Goin'

Download the app and join the community to connect with your classmates



Student Care, at the service of international students



Crossing borders to fulfil an academic dream is a brave decision, and one that requires solid, human support. This commitment is reflected in UCAM's own institutional approach. In response to the needs of international students, the University created the Student Care department, whose mission is to guide students and ensure they feel supported at every

stage of their journey. This support begins even before students arrive, through informative webinars on accommodation and visa procedures. Once on campus, the team guides students through key processes such as municipal registration and immigration procedures, helping to ensure that administrative paperwork does not dampen their enthusiasm. The

university experience at UCAM goes beyond the classroom, with initiatives such as Agenda Ñ and the Goin' app, which help students integrate into the region's culture, social life and leisure activities. This comprehensive support also includes access to specialised psychological care, helping to safeguard students' emotional wellbeing throughout their stay.



Pope Leo XIV and UCAM President María Dolores García meet for the first time at the Vatican, during the events marking the Jubilee Year of Hope.



'Lift up your eyes' (John 4: 35)

Madrid - 5 to 7 June

UCAM alongside the Pope

Apostolic journey of Leo XIV to Spain

On the occasion of Pope Leo XIV's visit, UCAM once again expresses its adherence to and communion with the Successor of Peter, taking an active part in the events scheduled during his apostolic visit to Madrid. Students, lecturers, administrative and service staff, together with their families, accompany His Holiness at this event of special significance.

Under the motto 'Lift up your eyes', inspired by a passage from the Gospel of Saint John, the Pope invites us to look beyond our daily tasks in order to discover the presence of God

and open ourselves to encounter with others. According to the Pope, it is a call to hope and contemplation: an invitation to move beyond ourselves and rediscover unity, beauty and charity. This gesture of lifting up our eyes reflects the spirit with which the Church in Spain welcomes the Roman Pontiff, in a country whose deep Catholic roots continue to shape its culture.

The Universidad Católica San Antonio's presence alongside Leo XIV is not an isolated event, as the institution has maintained a close relationship and communion with the Popes since its origins.

It has shown this throughout recent pontificates, from Saint John Paul II, through Benedict XVI and Francis, to Leo XIV.

The Universidad Católica San Antonio takes part in major events presided over by the Holy Father, such as World Youth Days

UCAM pilgrims in Rome last year, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the World of Education.





Papal visits to Spain

Spain is a country with deep Catholic roots, as reflected in the millions of faithful who live their faith, the great devotion inspired by its Holy Week processions, and many other cultural expressions rooted in Christian humanism.

For this reason, Spain has welcomed papal visits on eight occasions: five by Saint John Paul II and three by Benedict XVI.

The visit of Leo XIV marks the ninth occasion on which a Pontiff has set foot on Spanish soil

The first apostolic journey was made by the Polish saint in 1982. He travelled across much of the country, bringing together spirituality, cultu-

re, youth, public life and Spain's bond with Europe and America. His five journeys forged a particularly close relationship with Spain.

Benedict XVI's visits centred on major ecclesial events, such as the World Meeting of Families, held in Valencia in 2006, and World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011. He also visited Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona in 2010.

5 visits JOHN PAUL II

1982

31 October - 09 November

First visit

Madrid, Ávila, Alba de Tormes, Salamanca, Guadalupe, Toledo, Segovia, Seville, Granada, Loyola, Zaragoza, Montserrat, Barcelona, Valencia and Moncada.

1984

10 October

Technical stopover in Zaragoza during his journey to Santo Domingo

1989

19 - 21 August

Fourth World Youth Day, in Santiago de Compostela

1993

12 - 17 June

Visit to Seville (for the Eucharistic Congress), Huelva and Madrid

2003

03 - 04 May

Pastoral visit to Madrid (Cuatro Vientos), to canonise five Spanish saints

3 visits

BENEDICT XVI

2006

08 - 09 July

Valencia, to close the Fifth World Meeting of Families

2010

06 - 07 November

Santiago de Compostela (for the Holy Jacobean Year), and Barcelona (for the consecration of the Sagrada Familia)

2011

18 - 21 August

World Youth Day, WYD Madrid 2011



‘Knowledge is a path towards discovering the meaning of life’

Leo XIV delivered a message to the world of education during his visit to Sapienza University of Rome.



Photo: VATICANVA

The Pope, accompanied by academic and religious authorities.

In his address, delivered at Sapienza University of Rome, the Holy Father reflects on the value of education, the search for truth and the responsibility of new generations in the face of the great challenges of today's world.

His Holiness explains that knowledge should not be limited to preparation for work, but should help us discern who we are, cultivate awareness, develop a sense of justice and respect what must never be dominated.

This message is closely aligned with the educational model promoted at UCAM, based on the comprehensive formation of the student.

The Pontiff pays particular attention to young people, recognising their concerns, hopes and difficulties. He warns of the effects of a culture marked by pressure to perform, competitiveness and anxiety, reminding us that the human person cannot be reduced to results, figures or algorithms.

In response, he invites each young person to ask who they are and to live their years of education as a time of encounter, growth and commitment.

The Pope also highlights the mission of educators, whom he encourages to trust their students and to understand teaching as a form of service and love for human life.

According to his message, to educate means to accompany, to form consciences and to help each person discover their vocation to goodness, justice and peace.

Finally, the Holy Father offers an invitation to hope, the search for truth and shared responsibility

'Dear VIRGIN OF LA FUENSANTA, look upon us with your motherly eyes'

UCAM experienced a historic moment with the visit of the patron saint of Murcia to its Los Jerónimos Campus.

Amid petals, pealing bells, liturgical chants, applause and cries of devotion, the image of the Virgin of La Fuensanta arrived at the Monastery of Los Jerónimos, where it remained for 24 hours. It was a historic event, as it was the first time that La Morenica visited the so-called Murcian Escorial.

'Dear Mother' were the first words with which María Dolores García, UCAM President, emotionally addressed the

Virgin of La Fuensanta once the image had been placed on the altar of the church of Los Jerónimos. 'We welcome you with hearts full of joy. We are your children; look upon us with your motherly eyes.' With these beautiful words began the stay of the patron saint of Murcia at Los Jerónimos — a visit that felt brief to many, yet was lived with great intensity.

The image was accompanied by the prayers of students, lecturers, research-

On 11 April 2027, the Jubilee Eucharist that will bring the centenary events to a close will be held in Murcia Cathedral

chers, administrative and service staff, UCAM alumni and local residents who joined in the celebration.

During its stay at Los Jerónimos, liturgical acts, catechesis sessions and conferences were held, with the participation of numerous groups from the university community.

One of the most memorable moments was the solemn Eucharist presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese of Cartagena, Monsignor José Manuel Lorca Planes, who highlighted the significance of the visit, describing it as 'a historic event'. He asked the patron saint to watch over the University's lecturers, students and staff, so that the values promoted by UCAM may become 'ever stronger'.



Bishop José Manuel Lorca blessed the commemorative mosaic.



Hundreds of faithful accompanied the Marian image during its visit to Los Jerónimos.

La Fuensanta ‘walks’ through the Murcian Escorial

After the Eucharist, an emotional procession took place through the cloister of the Monastery, in a festive, family atmosphere.

Countless mobile phones captured the throne as it passed by, carried by the knights of its Brotherhood and accompanied by the ladies of its Court, as well as those of the Virgin of Charity of Cartagena — to whom José Luis Mendoza, UCAM founder, was deeply devoted — whose presence reflected their bond of sisterhood with the patron saint of Murcia.

The joy with which international students welcomed this procession, and the other events scheduled during the visit, was also particularly striking. The visit of La Fuensanta deeply moved all those present and transcended borders.

Canonical Coronation

During the procession, a mosaic bearing the image of La Morenica, created by the Lorca pottery workshop Lario, was unveiled. It will remain as a permanent reminder of this visit.

At the farewell to the Virgin, petals were once again thrown from the balconies of the Monastery, accompanied by cheers and songs, as the procession made its way to its next stop: the parish church of Nuestra Señora del Socorro in La Ñora.

The visit of the patron saint of Murcia to UCAM formed part of the route taken by the image through different towns and institutions to mark the centenary of its Canonical Coronation, held in 1927.

With our traditions

UCAM’s participation in this commemoration is no isolated event. Since its foundation, the University has shown its commitment to the traditions and identity of the Region of Murcia, reflected in its ongoing collaboration in various events involving the Virgin of La Fuensanta.

In this regard, the presence of UCAM volunteers at the annual pilgrimage is especially noteworthy. There, they carry out tasks that help facilitate the route for the thousands of pilgrims accompanying the Virgin.

Christian values for the reintegration of young people

On the occasion of this Jubilee Year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Cartagena has decided that the donations collected around the centenary of the Canonical Coronation of the Virgin of La Fuensanta will go to Shejiná.

This association, whose name evokes the presence of God amid suffering, is inspired by an experience lived in Latin America by the priest Pedro Najas, who witnessed how a communal and orderly life could heal deep wounds, as has happened with dozens of young people welcomed by this institution. Founded on the values of Christian humanism, Shejiná offers psychological, spiritual and educational support to boys in situations of risk and/or conflict.



Support the Shejiná association

FUNDACIÓN CYD

UCAM graduates stand out for employment and entrepreneurship

This is reflected in the report 'Radiografía del Sistema Universitario Español 3. Inserción laboral' published by Fundación Conocimiento y Desarrollo, the organisation behind Spain's leading university ranking.



UCAM brings its students into contact with companies and public and private institutions at its Employment Fair.



UCAM HiTech brought together 100 science and technology start-ups, 60 investors and 50 corporates at a new edition of its LifeTech Summit, turning Murcia into a benchmark for scientific entrepreneurship.

LIFETECH SUMMIT

€60 million invested in science start-ups

One example of UCAM's commitment to entrepreneurship, and to helping science move from research papers into society, is the LifeTech Summit, held in May at its innovation hub. The event brought together around one hundred biotechnology, digital health and high-potential scientific technology start-ups with 60 investors, including leading venture capital funds, institutions, banks and specialised deeptech investment vehicles. Its aim was to identify the best opportunities in biotechnology, digital health and scientific technologies with strong scaling potential.

And did it achieve its purpose? Absolutely. The summit succeeded in mobilising more than €60 million in investment for science- and technology-based start-ups.

The event was supported by INFO Región de Murcia, CaixaBank DayOne, CMG MedDev, Letslaw, IDEA Design Mindset, Herrero & Asociados and BIGBAN Investors Spain as sponsors.

Spain continues to gain ground in the European race to lead investment in science, life sciences, deep knowledge and knowledge transfer, and this event is already emerging as one of the main catalysts of this movement.

Health sector

More than 100 science- and technology-based start-ups, with a strong focus on the health sector — around 80% — gathered at UCAM's business innovation and acceleration hub, which forms part of Fundación INCYDE's Network of High-Technology Incubators.

These start-ups originate from universities, hospitals and research centres, and are developing solutions in areas such as advanced diagnosis, artificial intelligence applied to rehabilitation, clinical biometrics and digital therapies.

The Spanish labour market has absorbed more than 345,000 university graduates aged between 22 and 29 over the last decade, representing almost 80% of the new highly qualified youth employment generated during that period. But do all university graduates find qualified employment? Are salaries the same? Is there a difference between studying at a private university and a public one? Fundación CYD has published its report Radiografía del Sistema Universitario Español 3. Inserción laboral, which presents data on the employability of graduates from Spanish universities, both overall and by autonomous community. The report also compares results between public and private institutions, based on graduates from the 2018–2019 academic year.

UCAM graduates earn €3,832 more per year at regional level

UCAM is firmly committed to the employability of its students. To this end, it promotes entrepreneurship initiatives and maintains permanent contact with regional, national and international companies. This commitment is reflected in the Fundación CYD report, which shows that UCAM graduates double the self-employment rate, achieve a higher average Social Security affiliation rate and earn €3,800 more per year than graduates from public universities in the Region of Murcia.

One of the main conclusions is that graduates from private universities in the Region of Murcia — where UCAM is the only institution — have a Social Security affiliation rate of 74.68%, compared with 73.41% among graduates from public universities, a difference of 1.27 percentage points. In addition, as other rankings have already shown, UCAM graduates are more entrepreneurial than the national average. In the Region of Murcia, 13.23% of private university graduates are self-employed, compared with 6.39% of public university graduates.

Quality of employment

According to CYD, the overall average gross salary of graduates in Spain is €30,976, compared with €32,188 for UCAM graduates, 3.9% above the national average. At regional level, a UCAM graduate earns €3,832 more per year than graduates from public universities in the Region of Murcia. This is complemented by the fact that almost 70% of private university graduates contribute to Social Security in professional groups aligned with their level of education, demonstrating a better match between training and employment.

The publication compiles data from the ranking produced by Fundación Conocimiento y Desarrollo itself, considered one of the most relevant analyses of the Spanish university system in terms of employability and academic performance.

Almost 70% of UCAM graduates are employed in roles aligned with their level of education

UCAM Vocational Training: preparing the professionals of the future

UCAM's Vocational Training Institute presents major new developments ahead of the opening of the 2026/27 academic year.

In recent years, Vocational Training has become a major educational option for students wishing to pursue higher studies. Thanks to its educational plan, it guarantees optimal, practice-based training, ensuring employability of up to 70% during the first year for its graduates.

For this reason, the UCAM Group remains committed to strengthening an educational system that is producing such positive results both for its graduates and for companies, which show an interest in welcoming and supporting students during their training in order to prepare them for their future working lives.

3.8 million Vocational Training graduates will be needed by 2035

Driving healthcare talent

In Spain, around 800 million diagnostic tests are carried out every year to detect diseases such as cancer, diabetes, HIV, Alzheimer's and cardiovascular injuries such as heart attacks or strokes.

Medical imaging techniques and the analysis of biological samples help diagnose these diseases early and effectively, improving their prognosis and providing the treatment best suited to each patient.

The importance of these tests has led the UCAM Vocational Training team to create a space for teaching two new higher-level training cycles in the healthcare family.

A new space for healthcare qualifications, with latest-generation equipment

With an investment of around €1.5 million, allocated to the refurbishment of facilities, equipment and furniture, UCAM Vocational Training is committed to quality and cutting-edge resources in order to train the healthcare professionals of the future.

This innovative and modern building will house the Diagnostic Imaging and Nuclear Medicine and Clinical and Biomedical Laboratory cycles, which will begin to be taught in the 2026/27 academic year.



Enrolment now open: don't miss out on your place!



Entrepreneurship + AI Certificate

UCAM Vocational Training will be a pioneer in entrepreneurship from the 2026/27 academic year thanks to its **collaboration with UCAM HiTech and AJE**, the Young Entrepreneurs Association.

Its students will have an environment in which to develop business ideas, strengthen entrepreneurial skills and transform projects into professional opportunities.

In addition, upon completing their training cycle, they will be able to receive an **Entrepreneurship + AI Certificate**, guaranteeing that they have developed and acquired soft skills such as leadership, problem-solving and critical thinking.



Students from the Higher Cycle in Production of Audiovisual Projects and Shows, at UCAM's TV Studio.



Student doing his work placement at M10 Fitness gym.



The new UCAM Vocational Training Salud 1 building, located near the Murcia Campus.

Work placements as a driver of learning

A fundamental part of Vocational Training is practical training, which plays a leading role in its teaching plan.

Students complete their education thanks to the collaboration between UCAM Vocational Training and numerous companies, allowing them to enter the labour market with solid practical preparation.

At the M10 Fitness gym in Murcia, Álvaro, a student on the Higher Technician in Teaching and Socio-Sports Animation programme, advises users through dynamic and functional training sessions.

These exercises, focused on health and personal wellbeing, help improve people's lives while training future professionals.

The importance of the training model

This method, known as Dual Vocational Training, combines classroom-based theory with practical experience in the world of work.

Thanks to it, students apply everything they learn at the centre, gain valuable professional experience and boost their access to the labour market.

Here, practical training plays a major role, with more than 400 hours in companies. As a result, students feel that they are learning and working from day one, hand in hand with the professionals of the companies that collaborate with UCAM Vocational Training.



Dental Hygiene students train at the UCAM Dental clinic in Murcia.



Offices and Academic Registry of UCAM Vocational Training, located on the Murcia Campus.

Vocational Training in a university environment

UCAM Vocational Training students enjoy a unique experience within the UCAM Group, becoming part of the atmosphere and university life of the Los Jerónimos Campus.

This environment stands out for the quality and versatility of its facilities, designed to offer students the best possible conditions for learning, practical training and personal development. UCAM Vocational Training students share spaces and services with university students, creating a distinctive sense of belonging and community among students, teaching staff and administrative and service personnel.

This coexistence also enriches their educational experience through a diverse and international atmosphere, with students from 135 nationalities bringing

life, culture and global perspectives to the campus.

UCAM Vocational Training students can make use of the same facilities and services as university students, including the Library, UCAM HiTech, the UCAM Sports Centre and study rooms. They also have access to accommodation options such as MiCampus, a residence offering modern services and facilities designed to support student life.



The best step forward: UCAM University

At the UCAM Group, educational excellence is not merely an objective, but a philosophy that guides every stage of the learning process. For this reason, students have the opportunity to extend their academic journey and continue developing their education in an environment committed to growth, innovation and professional preparation.

From the moment they enrol, students also find an accessible pathway towards UCAM University degrees, making it easier for them to continue their studies once they have completed their Vocational Training programme.

Those who decide to take this next step benefit from exclusive advantages, including a reserved quota of places, exemption from academic fees and the processing of credit recognition. This enables them to obtain a double qualification in a shorter period of time and enter the labour market with more comprehensive preparation, supported by a solid theoretical and practical foundation aligned with the skills demanded by today's professional world.



Check the credit recognition table and submit your application

Unstoppable champions

Led by Jesús Cantero and captained by María Xiao, UCAM Cartagena Table Tennis has completed a spectacular Iberdrola League campaign, confirming the predictions that had placed the team as firm favourite from the outset.

UCAM Cartagena TM has been crowned champion of the Women's Superdivision Iberdrola League, claiming its twenty-fourth title and consolidating its leadership on the national sce-

ne. This latest success comes shortly after the Cartagena side's triumph in the Queen's Cup, further reinforcing its dominance in Spanish table tennis and projecting its ambition onto the international stage.

The club reaffirms its status as the most decorated club in the Region of Murcia



A historic bronze medal in Europe

For the first time in its history, UCAM Cartagena Table Tennis qualified for the Champions League Final Four after an outstanding European campaign, reaching the semi-finals as one of the competition's top contenders.

In the decisive tie, and with the key contribution of Olympian María Xiao, the team managed to level the second match against French side Metz. However, the French team ultimately prevailed, leaving UCAM Cartagena in third place and secu-

ring a historic bronze medal in Europe.

The Final Four confirmed the international growth of the Cartagena team, which competed with determination, experience and personality in an event of the highest level. The team thus brings a historic season to a close, strengthening its place among the leading clubs in continental table tennis and leaving an excellent impression throughout the European competition.

Form survival to the

ELITE

*How Sito Alonso's arrival
changed the history of
UCAM Murcia CB*



January 2019 marked a turning point in the history of UCAM Murcia CB. That day, Sito Alonso took charge of the university team's bench with a difficult mission: to save a side that was dangerously close to relegation.

The Madrid-born coach accepted the challenge proposed by General Manager Alejandro Gómez, who was looking to consolidate a project capable not only of securing survival, but also of growing steadily in the Liga Endesa. Since then, the partnership between the two has become one of the club's great pillars.

Alejandro Gómez has stressed the importance of Sito Alonso on numerous occasions, stating that 'he is the key figure who changed the future of the club, allowing us to look upwards and fear no one'. Even in difficult moments, the General Manager always maintained his confidence in the coach, stating that 'Sito Alonso is the perfect coach for UCAM Murcia' and that he 'represents the values of the club'.

The key to this growth has not only been on the court. Alejandro Gómez and Sito Alonso have consolidated a working model in which competitive hunger matters more than names. This philosophy has allowed UCAM Murcia to compete against clubs with far larger budgets, backing players with room for growth who find in Murcia the ideal stage on which to develop their best version.

The results of this model have been re-

markable. Under Sito Alonso's leadership, UCAM Murcia has gone from fighting for survival to becoming one of the most solid projects in Spanish basketball. The university side has achieved a Liga Endesa runner-up finish and has taken part in three of the last five editions of the Copa del Rey.

The club has also reached major international milestones, including a Basketball Champions League Final Four in Belgrade and a FIBA Europe Cup semi-final. What once seemed a distant dream has become a competitive reality for the Murcian organisation.

This season has exceeded expectations once again, setting a new club record for regular-season wins

Another of the project's great successes has been its ability to develop players who later made the leap to the European elite. One of the most notable examples is Isaiah Taylor, who arrived in Murcia in the 2021/22 season from Maccabi Haifa. His performances caught the attention of Anadolu Efes, who signed him in November 2022 and went on to win the EuroLeague that same season.

Other important names can be added to that list. James Webb III moved from UCAM Murcia to Valencia Basket before signing for Maccabi Tel Aviv. Jarell Eddie joined Fenerbahçe after his time in Murcia, while Conner Frankamp made the move to Zenit Saint Petersburg after a season at the university club.

This model of increasing player value, however, had already begun years earlier, with signings promoted by Alejandro Gómez, such as the arrival of Facundo Campazzo, demonstrating that Murcia could be an ideal showcase for international talent.

Sito Alonso is the architect behind much of this growth. Beyond the results, the coach has managed to establish a recognisable identity based on the sporting ambition that characterised José Luis Mendoza and which María Dolores García continues today: moving from looking anxiously at the lower end of the table to competing against the giants of the Liga Endesa.

Now the coach with the most games in the club's history, Sito Alonso leads an ambitious project with a devoted fanbase behind it. Seven years later, he is no longer merely a coach; he has become part of UCAM's heritage.

Together with Alejandro Gómez, he has built not only a competitive team, but also a sense of belonging and belief: the conviction that UCAM Murcia CB can continue to aspire to historic goals.

Getting to know Sito Alonso

A city to unwind in...
Vilanova i la Geltrú

A book you would recommend...
The Shadow of the Wind

A film you always watch again...
The Saint

A song that motivates you before a match...
Solo tienes que avisar, by Dani Fernández

The best arena you have played a match in...
Zalgiris Kaunas

A favorite dish...
Salmorejo

A sport, apart from basketball, that you are passionate about...
Water polo

A pre-match habit...
Drinking Coca-Cola

A coach or person who has left mark on you...
My father, Alfonso Alonso

A trip you remember fondly...
Istanbul with my wife

A momento in your career you would relive again and again...
Any match with my mother in the crowd

An essential value in the dressing room...
Commitment

Beach or mountains?
Both. I love the beach and I'm passionate about the mountains

Define the UCAM Murcia fans in one word...
Indescribable

DeJulius, HISTORY AND LEGEND

The American point guard delivered a performance against Covirán Granada worthy of Navarro or Petrović.



The gallery of ACB heroes reserves a space only for legendary performances - milestones that the passage of time cannot erase. There is an exclusive club into which American point guard David DeJulius has made a grand entrance while wearing the UCAM Murcia CB jersey.

The league's statistical records stated that only four legends of European basketball - Dražen Petrović, Tharon Mayes, Andre Turner and Juan Carlos Navarro - had been capable of recording 30 points and 10 assists in a single game.

It was an almost unattainable statistical barrier, one which the American point guard of UCAM Murcia has not only joined, but managed to improve upon.

Selected in the Liga Endesa Ideal Team and ranked as the third most valuable player in the ACB

The stage for his peak performance was the Palacio de los Deportes, in a major victory over Covirán Granada (107-91). There, DeJulius produced an outstanding game, recording 31 points and 11 assists.

However, what raised his performance above those of the legends who came be-

fore him was his astonishing efficiency: of all the members of that select group, the university point guard needed the fewest trips to the free-throw line to score - only four attempts, compared with Navarro's eight or Petrović's fourteen - and he was also the only one capable of recording 11 assists.

His absolute control of the game was not an isolated event, but confirmation of the exceptional form the American has displayed throughout the season. His league exhibition came alongside another historic performance in European competition, where he scored 41 points in a dramatic duel against PAOK Thessaloniki. Although that 89-85 win had a bitter taste, as it was not enough to get through the tie, it demonstrated the level of a player touched by magic.

Other outstanding displays came against PAOK and Real Madrid at the Movistar Arena

Across those two games, DeJulius accumulated 72 points, 17 assists and a performance index rating of 82. The scale of what he achieved on the court did not go unnoticed by the fans. The almost 6,000 spectators who attended the Palacio for his 31-point, 11-assist recital sent the American off with a thunderous standing ovation, aware that they had witnessed one of the best individual games in the club's recent history.

He is one of the team's leading scorers and assist providers and ranks among the main offensive references in the whole of the Liga Endesa. The Detroit point guard has made it clear that his talent raises UCAM Murcia CB's competitive ceiling, giving the team a leader capable of making the difference.



LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

THE ARCHANGELS SET THEIR SIGHTS ON EUROPE

VALORANT

The VALORANT and League of Legends teams have once again shown that hard work, consistency and a clear competitive identity can turn a team into a benchmark both in Spain and beyond. After being crowned national champions, The Archangels secured access to the European VALORANT competition, where they faced some of the most powerful clubs on the continent. UCAM's presence on this stage marks a new milestone for the organisation, which continues to expand its track record in this discipline and strengthen its position within the esports scene.

During their European journey, the Murcian team progressed through a competition in which every round demanded the highest competitive level. Reaching the final was a historic achievement for the club and confirmed UCAM as one of Spain's leading organisations in the competitive VALORANT scene. The season also brought positive results in League of Legends, where European qualification confirmed the strength of the project within the national scene.



WITHIN TOUCHING DISTANCE OF NATIONAL GOLD

The season once again placed UCAM Esports among the standout teams on the Spanish scene. In both League of Legends and VALORANT, the club delivered a solid campaign that reinforces its status as one of the benchmark projects within Spanish esports.

In VALORANT, the club experienced a highly competitive season. The national spring title and subsequent European qualification marked the beginning of a journey that placed The Archangels up against high-level opponents from across Europe. That presence on the continental stage strengthened the team's growth and confirmed its ability to identify, develop and compete with talent.

League of Legends followed a similar path. The team's presence in the most demanding stages of the competition showed that the work carried out throughout the year had laid a firm competitive foundation. In an increasingly evenly matched environment, remaining among the best is already an achievement, and UCAM did so with authority. Attention now turns to the next splits and the possibility of returning to the Final Four at the end of the year. UCAM Esports thus confirms its ambition to remain among the elite.

UCAM dominates the Spanish University Championships

Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia once again made history at the 2026 Spanish University Championships, finishing at the top of the overall medal table in Spanish university sport for the fifteenth consecutive edition.

UCAM closed this year's championships with a total of 170 medals — 97 gold, 44 silver and 29 bronze — bringing its historical total at the Spanish University Championships to 1,982 medals and consolidating a model that brings together academic and sporting excellence.

15 consecutive years leading national university sport

Andalusia was the setting this year for a new demonstration of UCAM's competitive strength in university sport. UCAM students and athletes took part in disciplines such as swimming and adapted swimming, athletics, cross-country running, weightlifting, orienteering, badminton, fencing, karate, futsal, mountain running, table tennis, archery, tennis, basketball, judo, taekwondo, wrestling, volleyball and rowing.

Among the University's representatives were international and Olympic

athletes of the calibre of María Pérez, Hugo González, Emma Carrasco and Mariano García, a reflection of the highly competitive level of UCAM's teams and athletes.

The Spanish University Championships began with the cross-country events, where UCAM claimed its first medals, before continuing to perform at an outstanding level across the different disciplines contested. The combined performance of its teams and athletes enabled UCAM not only to improve on the records of previous editions, but also to reaffirm its position as the most decorated university in the competition.

These results reflect UCAM's commitment to university sport and to an educational model that allows students to combine academic training with high-level competition. Fifteen consecutive years leading the national medal table underline the University's work, consistency and commitment to the comprehensive development of its students.



UCAM at the CEUS

97

Gold medals

44

Silver medals

29

Bronze medals

CEUS 2026 Medal Table

					Total
1	UCAM	97	44	29	170
2	UPM	18	12	11	41
3	UV	13	19	16	48
4	UGR	12	18	22	52
5	UCM	9	12	10	31



Princess Leonor took part in the Interuniversity Regatta.



The men's volleyball team celebrates with its championship trophy.



Olympic champion María Pérez claimed gold in race walking.

A FUTURE BEYOND FOOTBALL

Nico
19 years old
Goalkeeper
→ **Civil Engineering**

Marcos Madrid
19 years old
Defender
→ **Nursing**

Unax Ariza
18 years old
Forward
→ **Business Administration and Management**

Natxo Martínez
18 years old
Defender
→ **Physical Activity and Sport Sciences**

Carles Gimeno
19 years old
Defender
→ **Physical Activity and Sport Sciences**



Training both on and off the pitch is one of the hallmarks of the UCAM model, and the U19 A team of its football club has taken that philosophy to its fullest expression this season.

Iván Gómez

18 years old

Defender

→ **Physical Activity and Sport Sciences**



Dólera

19 years old

Midfielder

→ **Physical Activity and Sport Sciences**

UCAM's commitment to the comprehensive education of its young footballers continues to bear fruit, and this has once again been reflected in the performance of the U19 A team. The university side has produced a historic campaign in the División de Honor, consolidating the growth of an academy that combines academic education and sporting development within the UCAM structure.

The team finished the season among the top four, achieving the highest points total in the club's history in the category and the best record ever achieved by a team from the Region of Murcia in the top youth division.

Beyond the results, this generation represents the values of the organisation, reflecting the growth of footballers who progress personally, academically and athletically within a high-performance environment.

Carballido

19 years old

Forward

→ **Marketing and Commercial Management**

Adrián Pascual

19 years old

Midfielder

→ **Physical Activity and sport Sciences**

POSTGRADUATE EXCELLENCE THAT LEAVES A MARK AND OPENS DOORS

At Los Jerónimos, memory once again met the future. Two historic UCAM Master's degrees brought together those who once learned, those who taught and those who now lead in the field of healthcare. The University Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology and the Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Management and Planning celebrate the same essence: training professionals who turn knowledge into service, excellence and community.

Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology

A pioneering qualification of international standing, the Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology has trained 306 doctors across 15 cohorts over the course of 25 years. Promoted by José Luis Mendoza and consolidated by Pedro Guillén and Francisco Esparza, the programme combines scientific excellence, humanism and advanced clinical practice. Over the years, it has created a true professional school linked to elite sport, prevention, innovation and the comprehensive care of athletes, projecting its influence from Murcia to the world.

Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Mgmt. and Planning

With more than 20 years of history, the Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Management and Planning was created to train managers and professionals capable of leading, planning and improving healthcare organisations. Promoted by UCAM's founder and directed by Mariano Guerrero, the programme combines strategic vision, management, professional experience and a vocation for service. Its new alumni association strengthens a community committed to the continuous improvement of the healthcare system from within the University.



Pedro Guillen and José Luis Mendoza were the main driving forces behind the Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology.



Group photo at the opening of the International Congress for the 25th Anniversary of the Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology.

A reunion of leading sports traumatology professionals after 25 years of science

Over two days, the Monastery of Los Jerónimos was filled with embraces, memories and conversations between doctors who had shared lecture rooms, on-call shifts, conferences and professional journeys shaped by sport. The International Congress marking the 25th Anniversary of the Master's Degree in Sports Traumatology turned the UCAM Campus into a meeting point for nearly two hundred specialists and leading figures from clubs, federations and sporting organisations.

The event brought together emotion and science in equal measure. There was

time to remember the vision and drive of José Luis Mendoza, to recognise the work of Pedro Guillén and Francisco Esparza, and to take a rigorous look at the evolution of the speciality. The lectures and round tables addressed some of the key issues shaping the present and future of sports traumatology, including women in sport, injury prevention, artificial intelligence, precision medicine and cellular therapies.

More than a commemoration, the meeting became a living portrait of a professional community that returned to Murcia to remember, learn, debate and look ahead to the challenges still to come.

2001

2026



Leading professionals from the health sector took the Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Management and Planning.



Official launch of the Alumni Association of the Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Management and Planning.

2005

An alumni network to bring together healthcare management, professional leadership and commitment

The Los Jerónimos Campus hosted the official presentation of the Alumni Association of the Master's Degree in Healthcare Services Management and Planning, an event conceived as a meeting point for former students, managers and professionals linked to the healthcare sector. The event brought together broad representation from the sector and included the participation of María Dolores García, UCAM President, in a session marked by recognition, continuity and the desire to strengthen the professional

ties born at the University. During the meeting, Mariano Guerrero, Director of the Master's degree, paid an emotional tribute to José Luis Mendoza, founder of UCAM and promoter of this qualification, underlining the value of his vision in healthcare training. The new association was created to keep this community active, foster the exchange of experiences and open up new avenues of collaboration between professionals who share an academic origin, managerial responsibility and a commitment to improving the healthcare system.

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Volunteering placements Cartagena

These are carried out in social organisations and coordinated from UCAM's Cartagena Campus.

JUNE
20

Motus Christi

A formative workshop on the figure of Christ, his life, prayer and his message.

Murcia Campus

JULY
03

Physical activity in the natural environment. Trail along the Murcian coast I

Hiking routes along the Murcian coast to work on teamwork, coexistence and knowledge of the natural environment.

JUNE
12

34th Diocesan March to the Heart of Jesus in Monteagudo

Pilgrimage from Murcia to Monteagudo, with experiences, testimonies and celebration of the Eucharist.

From 18:30 to 23:30

JUNE JULY
26 - 27

Volunteering placements Murcia

Coordinated from the Murcia Campus, these take place in NGOs in order to understand the reality of volunteering from a practical perspective.

JULY
07

III International University Forum on Teaching Inno- vation and Sustainability

An initiative aimed at teacher training in educational innovation and environmental awareness.

Espacio 43, Port of Cartagena

'Lift up your eyes' (John 4: 35)



Madrid - 5 to 7 June

Leo XIV's journey to Spain

Students and staff of the University attend Leo XIV's first apostolic journey to Spain.

JULY
10

Physical activity in the natural environment. Trail along the Murcian coast II

Second edition of the hiking route through Calblanque and Cabezo de la Fuente.

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All year round

Spiritual accompaniment

Times and frequency to be agreed upon directly with the priest.

Daily Eucharist

Murcia Campus: 11:00 am in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

Cartagena Campus: 11:00 am in the Campus Chapel.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Murcia Campus

Every teaching Thursday from **11:30 am to 06:00 pm**.

Holy Hour held **every Thursday from 01:30 pm to 02:30 pm**.

Cartagena Campus

The Effetà group holds Eucharistic Adoration on **Wed. at 08:00 pm** in the Campus Chapel.

Faith formation meetings

Held throughout the year, with groups and timetables agreed upon with interested students.

Daily prayer meetings

Murcia Campus

Daily prayer meetings are held every teaching day in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

08:30 am - Lauds

10:30 am - Holy Rosary

03:00 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Midday Prayer.

06:00 pm - Vespers (Monday to Thursday)

Celebration of the Word

Murcia Campus (Monastery Church): Tuesday, from September onwards, from **03:00 pm to 04:00 pm**, fortnightly.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Murcia Campus: personal meetings in October and November and six monthly Saturday retreats, from November to May.

Cartagena Campus: Saturdays, fortnightly, from November to May.

Hakuna Murcia

Young people's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament **in Murcia**, every **Tuesday, from 08:30 pm**. **In Cartagena**, every **Tuesday, from 08:30 pm to 09:45 pm** at the Church of El Carmen.

Prayer vigil for vocations

First Thursday of each month at 09:00 pm at San Fulgencio Major Seminary, Murcia.

Alma Mater vocational group

Retreats and accompaniment throughout the academic year.



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