

UC Chile Collaborative Research Grant Competition: Avanza UC 2025

The UC Chile [collaborative research grant](#) is a research and creation competition organized by the [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile \(UC Chile\)](#) as part of its strategic plan for 2026–2030. Its primary goal is to fund bold, high-risk, high-impact projects in Arts, Humanities, Sciences and Technology. U of T faculty members are invited to join collaborative teams led by UC Chile researchers.

Research teams may consist of a maximum of four academics, including PIs from UC Chile and co-investigators from U of T or other institutions investigators. In the case of a team of two UC Chile PIs, a maximum of two co-PIs may be added, while if a project has only one UC Chile PI, a maximum of three co-investigators may join.

UC Chile joined University of Toronto as a member of the [Global Humanities Alliance](#) in 2024, which aims to raise the profile, and the social and political impact, of the humanities and social sciences through research and teaching that addresses key global issues. UC Chile ranks among the world's top universities, placing 116th in the 2026 QS World University Rankings, and 2nd in Latin America.

Value and Duration

- Funding up to \$35,000,000 pesos (~\$50,000 CAD) from UC Chile for one year. Funds from UC Chile will be transferred to the UC Chile researchers only. Additional matching funds of \$15,000 from U of T will be provided to up to two U of T applicants whose projects are selected by UC Chile. Only U of T faculty members who meet the [University's definition of a Principal Investigator \(PI\)](#) may be eligible for matching funds.

Duration

- Projects are funded for 1 year, with a final report due **Monday, April 12, 2027**.

Eligibility

- Open to all scientific disciplines, but it is a requirement that the problem to be studied has a clear association with a [strategic concern for Chile](#), and that the knowledge generated is cutting-edge and has high potential for impact.
- The team may consist of a maximum of four academics, including PIs from UC Chile and co-investigators from U of T or other institutions.
- The project must be led by an academic with a 44-hour weekly contract (PI) who is part of the regular or special academic staff at UC Chile.

Objective

- The objective of this competition is to fund research projects that generate basic and/or applied knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences, and technologies, focusing on challenges that are priorities for Chile and simultaneously of high global interest; that explore unknown, high-risk, and high-impact frontier territories; that articulate original and innovative international and interdisciplinary collaborations; and that operate as seed funds to attract new financial resources and talent from national and international researchers and students from prestigious universities and centers.

Application Deadline

- Application deadline **Monday, November 3, 2025, 11:59 PM**

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted by the UC Chile PI through UC Chile's online portal. More information on the application requirements can be found [HERE](#).

Information about this call

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