

The flag of Costa Rica is shown on the left side of the page, featuring five horizontal stripes of blue, white, red, white, and blue. The flag is set against a background of a clear blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The flag is positioned vertically, with the top of the flag at the top of the page and the bottom of the flag at the bottom of the page.

Historical Review

Universidad Nacional (UNA), Costa Rica, Central America, is a higher education institution established in 1973.

UNA was founded in a century characterized by population explosion, transformation processes in education, and changes in the national production system. In that context, there was a clear need to provide **higher education mainly to the less advantaged sectors of the population, particularly in rural areas.**

Since the beginning, UNA has built a **scientific, cultural, and social educational project that is comprehensive, inclusive and, above all, to the service of the Costa Rican society.**

“The Necessary University”

1973

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Mission

The Universidad Nacional is a public institution of higher education devoted to the comprehensive preparation of professionals, as well as to the generation and dissemination of knowledge, contributing to the transformation of society toward higher levels of welfare, freedom and sustainability; all of this through teaching, research, outreach and other production means targeted primarily to the disadvantaged social sectors.

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Photo: School of Biological Sciences
Office of Public Relations-UNA



Vision

The Universidad Nacional is well-known in Latin America and the Caribbean for its academic excellence, innovation, and outreach at local, national, regional and international levels. Our students are distinguished by their comprehensive humanistic formation, as well as by their knowledge, skills, and abilities that respond to the needs of society.

UNA offers top-quality, up-to-date, relevant, flexible, and rigorous study options in accordance with the strategic areas of knowledge and academic articulation processes.

In terms of institutional management, independent, responsive, and streamlined processes facilitate decision-making, transparency, and accountability.

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Photo: Students of the Coto Campus, Brunca Regional Center
Office of Public Relations-UNA

Principles

- Humanism
- Transparency
- Inclusion
- Probity
- Environmental responsibility
- Transformative knowledge

Values

- Excellence
- Social commitment
- Democratic participation
- Fairness
- Respect

Strategic Areas of Knowledge

- *Environment, territory, and sustainability*
- *Scientific and technological development, and innovation*
- *Education and comprehensive development*
- *Humanism, art, and culture*
- *Eco-efficient, agricultural, and natural resources production*
- *Ecosystem-based health and quality of life*
- *Information and communication technologies*
- *Society and human development*



Photo: The Administration Building seen from the Humanities Center
Office of Public Relations-UNA

Commitments undertaken by the University authorities 2015-2020



Humanism and Academic Excellence Strengthening

Presence of Universidad Nacional in the Country



COSTA RICA
CENTRAL AMERICA

Chorotega Regional Center

Area: 10 807 m²

Liberia Campus

Nicoya Campus

Northern - Caribbean Huetar Regional Center

Area: 10 807 m²

Sarapiquí Campus

Central Region

- **Omar Dengo Campus**

Area: 85 560 m²

- San Pablo, Heredia: 15 755 m² *

- **Benjamín Nuñez Campus**

Area: 19 838 m²

- Lagunilla, Heredia: 8 300 m² *

- **Interuniversity Center, Alajuela**

* Lands acquired in 2013

Brunca Regional Center

Area: 8 803 m²

Coto Campus

Pérez Zeledón Campus

- A. Central Region
- B. Atlantic Huetar
- C. Northern Huetar
- D. Brunca
- E. Chorotega
- F. Central Pacific

- Experimental Station in 28 millas, Limón: 297 m²
- Marine Biology Station, Puntarenas: 2 792 m²
- Pacific Marine Park, Puntarenas
- Rio Macho Biological Station, Cartago: 785 m²
- National Station of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Punta Morales, Puntarenas: 1 527 m²

Organizational Structure



Human resources (2015)

 **3470**
Faculty and administrative staff members



Buildings and facilities (2015)

8 
Campuses

8 
Colleges

32 
Schools

13 
Institutes

Study options (2015)

 **136**
Undergraduate programs
89 specializations

 **54**
Master's programs
61 specializations

 **5**
Doctoral programs
9 specializations



18 accredited programs

Undergraduate and Master's programs accredited by the National Higher Education Accreditation System (SINAES)

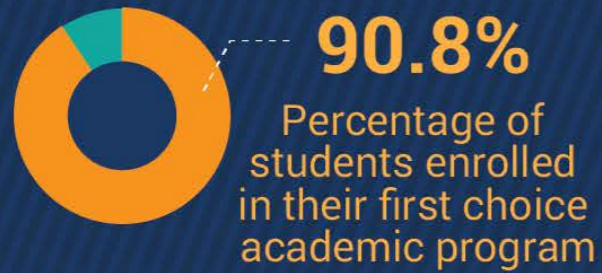
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Additional information: www.una.ac.cr/index.php/m-carreras

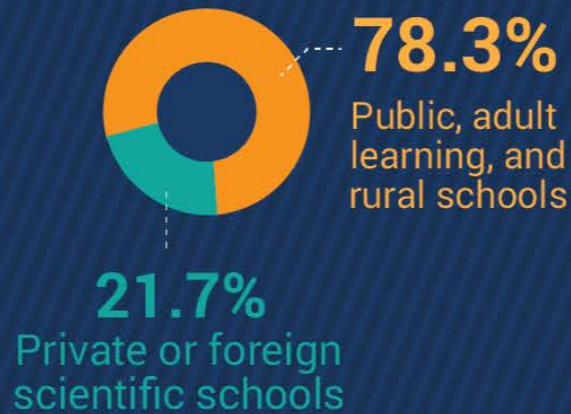
Student Population in 2015

+19,189
Total students
Data to August 5, 2015

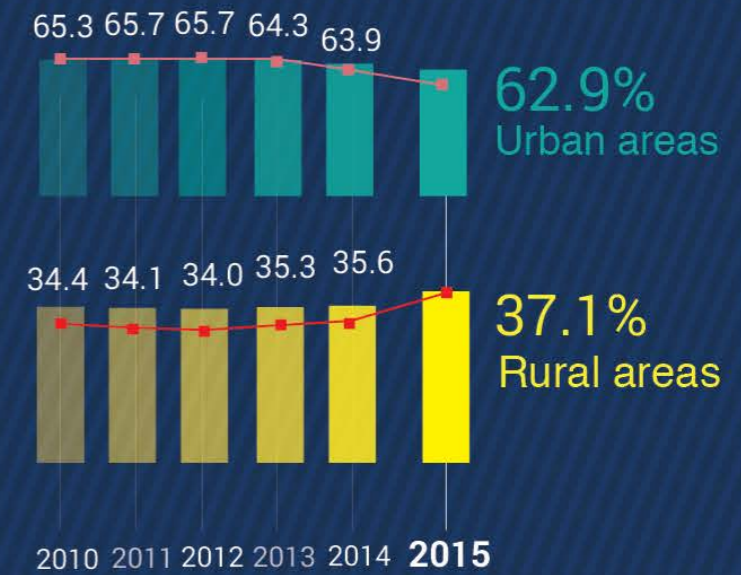
3,994 New students



Student's school of origin



The admission of students from rural areas increased with the implementation of a new admission model in 2009



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Photo: Green open spaces, Campus Omar Dengo -2015
Student Federation (FEUNA)



Photo: UNA Students- Office of Communications-UNA

Scholarships (2015)

+50%
of the students
enrolled benefit
from the scholarship
program

**Student
Scholarship
Fund**

= \$12.6*
million

Institutional contribution: 68.4%
Tuition fees: 24%
Other income: 7.6%

*Exchange rate: \$1= ₡ 541.27

80%
Scholarship recipient
population in the
Regional Centers*

* Includes only scholarship
recipients who are enrolled.

Students graduated in 2014

+3000
new professionals
each year

597 Graduated from diploma and teacher's
training programs *

1520 Graduated from bachelor's programs

681 Graduated from licentiate's programs

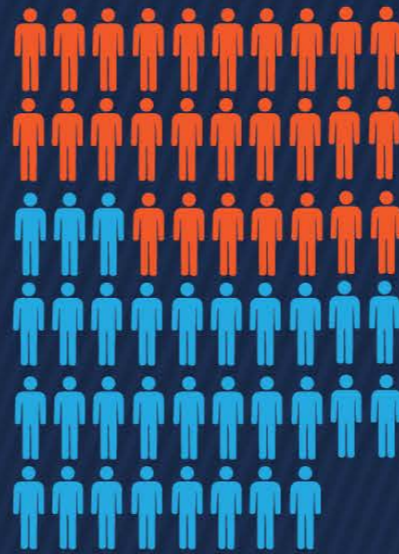
282 Graduated from master's and doctoral
programs.



* In Costa Rica, the "University diploma" can be obtained, in some study programs, after completing 60-90 credits"; the "teacher's training university certificate" is specific for the teacher's education area and can be obtained after completing 98-110 credits.

Indigenous Student Population (2015)

58
Indigenous first-year students (2015)



27
Indigenous students are admitted through the traditional admission system

31
Indigenous students are admitted through a stratification and typification system (positive discrimination).

99%
Indigenous first-year students are scholarship recipients

“Costa Rica is a democratic, free, independent, **multiethnic and multicultural** republic”

Article 1, Political Constitution of Costa Rica

Origin and distribution of students by indigenous reserve:

18
students



Sarapiquí Campus

- Maleku
- Talamanca

13
students



Pérez Zeledón and Coto Campus

- Ngôbe
- Cabécar
- Boruca
- Bribri

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Photo: Courtesy of the indigenous student community of UNA

Academic Projects Research, Teaching and Outreach

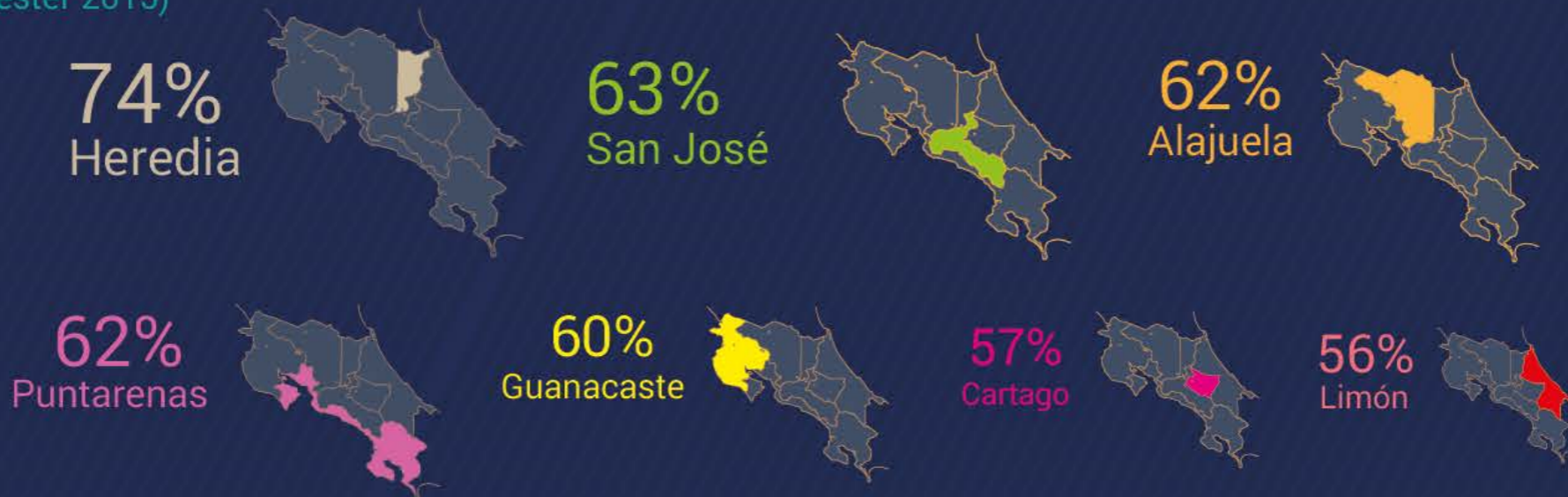
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Programs, projects,
and academic activities
(PPAAs)
(I semester 2015)

615
Programs and
projects executed
with state funds

211 Integrated
213 Research
35 Teaching
50 Outreach
106 Academic management

PPAAs percentage by province
(I semester 2015)



NOTE: Percentages do not total 100 percent because some PPAAs are carried out in various provinces.

Total PPAAs
(I semester 2015)

615
Programs and
projects executed
with state funds

+

313
Projects executed
with private funds
managed by FUNDAUNA
(FUNDAUNA: Foundation for the
Academic Development
of Universidad Nacional)

=

928
Total



Photo: School of Biological Sciences-2015 / Office of Public Relations -UNA

Laboratories (2015)



+90 Research
Teaching
Outreach
Laboratories



ISO 170025
Training of laboratory staff

\$1,381,389*

Annual investment in scientific
and technological equipment
(2015)

\$302,440*

Investment in scientific and
technological equipment
for teaching purposes

\$434,858*

Purchase of equipment and
supplies related to
laboratory safety

\$240,176*

Quality Management

*Exchange rate: \$1= ¢ 541.27

Academic Production

UNA

Webometrics Ranking

(2015)

Source: webometrics.info/en/Latin_America

UNA ranks
89th
among
3754
Latin American
universities

2nd

among
all Costa Rican
public and
private universities

World ranking of repositories and e-journals

(2015)

Webometrics institutional
repository ranking
UNA ranks

79th

among the Latin
American Universities
and **2nd** nationwide

repositories.webometrics.info/en/top_portals

UNA e-journals portal

65th

among
the world's top portals

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Electronic Journals

www.revistas.una.ac.cr



2014

26

e-journals

88.4% digital
84.6% indexed

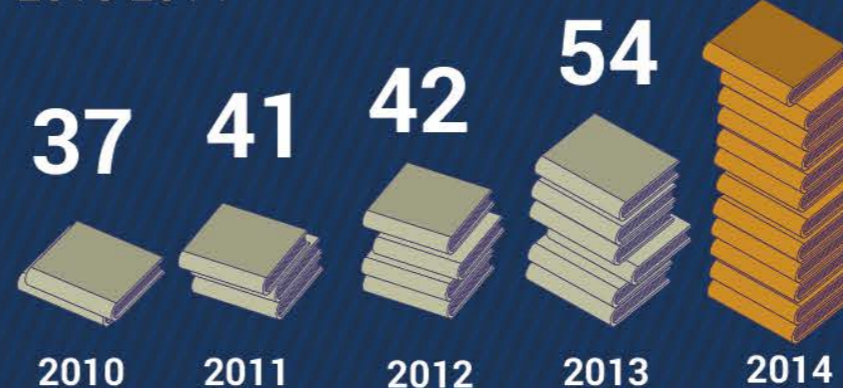


245,452
accumulated downloads
2011-2014

EUNA (University publishing house)

www.euna.una.ac.cr

Number of works published
2010-2014



Libraries

(2014)



18
Libraries

\$277,387*

Investment in the purchase
of bibliographic products

2,770

Titles
purchased

4,475

Copies
purchased

*exchange rate: \$1= ¢ 541.27

North America:

- Canada
- United States of America
- Mexico

Central America:

- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Panama

The Caribbean:

- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Puerto Rico
- Trinidad and Tobago

South America

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Bolivia
- Argentina
- Peru
- Chile
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Ecuador

Europe:

- Spain
- Germany
- France
- Sweden
- Netherlands
- Italy
- Poland
- Bulgaria
- Norway
- Malta
- Russia
- Denmark
- Turkey
- England
- Lithuania
- Switzerland

Asia:

- Japan
- China
- Korea
- Taiwan

Middle East:

- Israel

Africa:

- Kenya Nairobi



"The Universidad Nacional has relationships with universities in more than **40** countries and regions"

+200 agreements with universities and research centers in the world.

Environmental responsibility

UNA

Consumption 2013-2014

UNA:

- Has an Environmental Policy.
- Has an Institutional Environmental Management Plan
- Has been awarded with the Ecological Blue Flag, a program of the Ministry of Environment, Energy, and Telecommunications of Costa Rica to acknowledge good environmental performance.



Water
consumption
decreased by
13%



Power
consumption
decreased by
2%
KWh/year/person



Paper
consumption
decreased by
22%



Solid waste
separated
100 tons

2016

The Year of the Public Universities for Mother Earth



CONARE's official communication: CNR-245-15 of September 2, 2015

CSUCA-official communication:
CV extraordinary session in Guatemala on November 20, 2015,



Photo: Environmental Responsibility – UNA Sustainable Campus



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