

4. STRUCTURE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN CANTABRIA

4.1 THE SPANISH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

Link to the FECYT 'Practical Guide for Foreign Researchers in Spain 2006':
http://www.eracareers.es/fecyt/guia/guia_cap04.pdf

4.2 STRUCTURE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN CANTABRIA

The University of Cantabria (UC), which is one of the institutions of relevance in the field of research in the self-governed region, is one of the most important Spanish universities in the field of R+D, it being an ideal place for the professional training of highly qualified staff.

The UC is the first university in Spain in R+D+i in relative terms. This position makes it possible for this academic institution to establish and develop a very intense and close collaborative relationship with the business world, with which there is constant ongoing synergy, as much in research projects as in the specific formation of human capital. In this sense, there are placement programmes and training grants are offered every academic year.

In order to promote transference of technical results from the university to the business sector, the Centre for Technological Development was set up in 1999, in which general support services are made available to research.

4.2.1 Marqués de Valdecilla Institute for Formation and Research

The Marques de Valdecilla Institute for Formation and Research (IFIMAV) is a management agency run by the Department for Health and Social Services, dependent on the Marqués de Valdecilla Foundation, and its aim is to promote the activities of Biomedical Formation and Research that integrates the different health institutions of the Cantabrian Health Service, and of which the Marqués de Valdecilla University Hospital is the most important:

<http://www.humv.es/nportal/default/>

Its main objective is to integrate quality clinical research with high level basic research in order to facilitate the transference of scientific progress achieved in the prevention and treatment of the most important health problems.

More information:

<http://www.fmdv.org/PortalWeb/ifimav/ifimav.htm>

4.2.2 University of Cantabria Centre for Technological Development

The aims of the University of Cantabria Centre for Technological Research (CDTUC) are: to make the transference of technical results from the University to the business sector attractive, to make the creation or establishment of new technology-based businesses easier, and, in general, to contribute to the

Technological Development of the Region by promoting innovation both in industry and in the service sector.

The CDTUC provides a series of services aimed at bringing the University closer to the regional industrial fabric, to act as a support to businesses in R + D activities and to collaborate with different departments at the University of Cantabria in basic and applied research activities. These particular services are: A Videoconference Room, Materials' Characterisation Service (a laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment which makes it possible to carry out chemical or microstructural analyses or temperature analysis on any kind of material), an Animalarium (located in the School of Medicine), as well as a Telecommunication Technology Service (located in the School of Industrial Engineering and Telecommunications).

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4.2.3 Research Results Transference Office (OTRI)

The OTRI is the University of Cantabria's Research Results Transference Office. It is a unit responsible for promoting and handling the relations between the University and the business world, in the context of research and technological innovation. This office is accountable to the Vice Rector for Research, and they work in close collaboration with the Research Management Unit.

The OTRI hours of opening are: Monday to Friday – 08.00 to 14.30 and 17.00 to 19.00. Outside the annual lecture period the hours of opening are 09.00 to 14.00.

More information:

<http://www.unican.es/WebUC/Unidades/Investigacion/otri/Inicio.htm>

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