

**Outline:**

Universidad de los Andes is an autonomous, independent, and innovative institution that fosters pluralism, tolerance, and respect for ideas. It aims for academic excellence while providing rigorous critical and ethical character development, in order to enhance in all students the awareness of their social and citizenship responsibilities, as well as a firm commitment to the society. The university's student body, in an environment of interdisciplinary and flexible integral character development, becomes the chief agent of the educational process. A highly skilled, knowledgeable, and prestigious faculty facilitates the development of an outstanding academic and professional life project that supports research, contributes to the development of the country, and transcends its geographical boundaries.

Research Achievements and Challenges:

There are 140 categorized/ranked research groups. The categorization or ranking is done by Colciencias (Colombia's Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation). Of these 140 groups, 41 have been classified as A1 (in 2008, only eight groups were ranked in this group). Also 3.913 Documents published in Scopus between 2001 and 2013. 66.5% of the documents registered in Scopus have been produced in collaboration with international peers and 54% were coauthored by researchers from at least 2 different nationalities, most of them coming from the United States, France, United Kingdom, Brazil and Germany.