



Santiago, Chile, April 7, 2022

Dear colleagues,

The Chilean National Agency for Research and Development (ANID: Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo), through its National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT), issues an annual call for a postdoctoral scholarship. Its objective is “to stimulate the productivity and future scientific leadership of recent Ph.D. graduates beginning their research careers<sup>1</sup> by helping them carry out research projects, promoting integration in their discipline, and enabling interaction and collaboration with consolidated research groups.”<sup>2</sup>

The Dean of the Faculty of Theology will support the proposals submitted by the sponsoring researcher (investigador/a patrocinante, IP) and the responsible researcher (IR, who is the postdoctoral researcher), by providing institutional sponsorship (Patrocinio institucional) from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC). We encourage those interested in applying for this postdoctoral scholarship to submit a research project proposal related to one of the disciplines represented in our faculty. Interested candidates should write with copy to Haddy Bello, Assistant Director of Research ([hybello@uc.cl](mailto:hybello@uc.cl)) to the respective heads of the various disciplinary areas of our faculty:

- Fundamental Theology - Professor Joaquín Silva ([jsilvas@uc.cl](mailto:jsilvas@uc.cl))
- Systematic Theology - Professor Rodrigo Polanco ([rpolanco@uc.cl](mailto:rpolanco@uc.cl))
- Practical Theology - Professor Rocío Cortés ([rtcortes@uc.cl](mailto:rtcortes@uc.cl))
- Sacred Scriptures - Professor Sonja Noll ([sonja.noll@uc.cl](mailto:sonja.noll@uc.cl))
- Moral Theology - Professor Cristián Borgoño ([cborgono@uc.cl](mailto:cborgono@uc.cl))
- Patristics - Professor Samuel Fernández ([sfernane@uc.cl](mailto:sfernane@uc.cl))

Please disseminate this information among students and contact the Associate Director of Research of our faculty, Professor Haddy Bello ([hybello@uc.cl](mailto:hybello@uc.cl)) for help with applications. We are committed to reviewing all projects received and will present them to the dean, who will determine his support for institutional sponsorship based on the Internal Mandatory Declaration (Declaración Obligatoria Interna, DOI).

We would be delighted to welcome new IRs to our faculty, and we would provide access to all our resources, including our extensive specialized library.

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<sup>1</sup> Degree obtained between January 1, 2019 and August 31, 2022. The date to be considered is the date on which all the requirements for the doctorate were completed. For researchers who have had a child during the aforementioned period, the deadline for obtaining the doctorate is January 1, 2018. If a researcher has had more than one child since 2019, an additional year for each child is granted (cf. Bases Concurso Fondecyt de Postdoctorado 2023, n°4.3).

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Bases Concurso Fondecyt de Postdoctorado 2023*, n°1.4.



### General characteristics of the scholarship

1. Project length: 2 or 3 years.
2. The exclusive dedication of the IR during the project is required. However, other paid academic or research activities are permitted at the UC or another institution, as long as they do not exceed a commitment of 6 hours per week.
3. The IP must dedicate 22 hours per week to the institution sponsoring the project.
4. Projects must be carried out in Chile regardless of nationality. Foreign IRs must prove<sup>3</sup> residence in Chile by the closing date of the institutional sponsorship.
5. The IR commits to remain in Chile until the end of the project (a minimum of nine months during each year of execution).
6. The maximum project funding is **CLP\$28,740,000** (Chilean pesos) per year of research. Of this amount, the IR will receive an honorarium equivalent to the gross amount of CLP\$24,240,000 (Chilean pesos).

The timeline for the call is as follows:

- Application opening: March 29, 2022
- **Deadline to request approval of the dean:** **April 22, 2022, at 17:30** (Chilean continental time)
- **Deadline for ANID application:** **April 28, 2022, at 16:00** (Chilean continental time)
- Deadline for institutional sponsorship: April 29, 2022, 16:00 (Chilean continental time)
- First year of execution: April 15, 2023, to April 14, 2024

Given our location in the southern hemisphere, the academic year starts in March.


Applications will be accepted in Spanish or English.

For further information, see:

- Scholarship info for the UC: <https://investigacion.uc.cl/concursos/fondecyt-postdoctorado-2023/>
- Website of ANID: <https://www.anid.cl/concursos/concurso/?id=1071>

Please feel free to contact us for any additional information.

Best regards,



**Haddy Bello**  
Assistant Director of Research

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

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<sup>3</sup> Through a temporary or definitive residence visa, or another visa that allows the transfer of resources and that grants the respective identity card for foreigners.