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Group Description: Conduct research for the generation of knowledge, transfer and application of technologies in the productive sector and services, high added value in the design of new products and improvement of equipment that incorporate high levels of integration and synergy in control, automation, instrumentation and mechatronic systems within the framework of innovation and sustainability projects.
Research lines

**Automation and control**

*Leader: Faustino Muñoz Moner*

It is the most consolidated in the Mechatronics Engineering program, as a line of the CONTROL & MECHATRONIC Research Group; it is oriented to the Automation of machines, technological lines and installations with the application of advanced instrumentation, based on high precision transducers, industrial controllers and high technology actuators, which allows developing modernization and industrial technological reconversion.

**Mechatronic, Biomedical and Robotic Design**

*Leader: Johann Barragán Gómez*

Generate knowledge and development of innovation in the line of Mechatronic, Biomedical and Robotic Design, which tend to provide solutions to problems related to the areas of Biomedical Engineering and Mechatronics, for the improvement of industrial efficiency in regional and national companies. The specific objectives of the line are - To participate in scientific research projects for the modernization and technological reconversion, the dissemination of its results and the organization of scientific communities in the line of mechatronic, Biomedical and Robotic design. - Promote research that benefits the industrial and economic development of the region and the country. - Develop applied research projects that provide technological, scientific and administrative solutions to problems in the health area through the application of engineering, management and research, which is applicable to the health and productive sector.

**Modeling and Simulation**

*Leader: Sebastián Roa Prada*

It addresses the following areas: modeling, identification, optimization, simulation of dynamic systems, application of classical techniques and modern predictive control in industrial, energy, environmental and agro-industrial processes. Modeling and simulation of processes and application of predictive control to industrial, energy, environmental and agro industrial systems.
RESOURCES ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH GROUP

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Group Description: Gires is dedicated to the development of research projects for the generation of knowledge, transfer of technologies of high added value, oriented to the rational use of energy, use of alternative sources of energy, protection of the environment, within a framework of sustainability, oriented to solve problems of the social and productive environment, with a sense of social relevance.

Research lines

Energy efficiency in industrial process and operations
Leader: Leonardo Esteban Pacheco Sandoval
This line includes the following topics, Integral management of energy. Simulation and operation of processes. Combustion. Energy analysis Instrumentation and process control. Co-generation and tri-generation. Efficient technologies in final use of energies.
Energy Resources and energy transformation
Leader: Yecid Alfonso Muñoz Maldonado
This line includes the following themes, Renewable energies. Conventional and alternative energy systems. Energy resources and prospective. Life cycle analysis. Exploitation of biomass for energy purposes. Integration of alternative sources. Transport and energy
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH GROUP

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**Group Description:** The research group promotes and executes research and technological development projects around Information Technologies and Computational Sciences, contributing to the solution of problems to promote regional and national development.
Research lines

**Telematics**
**Leader:** César Darío Guerrero Santander
This line of research focuses on the study, design, management and development of projects in areas related to communications services, for the transport, storage and processing of any type of information (data, voice, video, etc.) including the Internet of things; Cyber security; Cloud computing and web data analysis.

**Information Systems and Software Engineering**
**Leader:** Daniel Arenas Seeley
This line of research focuses on the study, design, management and development of projects in areas related to: the incorporation of expert systems as a strategy for software development; the implementation of technological trends to increase business productivity; as well as the creation and adaptation of methodologies for software development to technologies such as: blockchain, IoT, Big Data, among others.

**Creativity and innovation**
**Leader:** César Darío Guerrero Santander
This line of research focuses on the study, design, management and development of projects in areas related to: Education in engineering; Technology-based transfer and entrepreneurship, as well as creativity.
**SYSTEMIC THINKING RESEARCH GROUP**

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**Descripción del grupo:** El grupo promueve la solución de problemas complejos mediante la aplicación de enfoques sistémicos, manteniendo relaciones de intercambio académico con investigadores, grupos y comunidades al nivel regional, nacional e internacional.

**Group Description:** This group designs solutions to complex problems using a Systemic Approaches working with Research Communities.

**Research lines**

*Study, Intervention, and Technological Design in Institutions using Systemic Approaches*  
**Leader:** José Daniel Cabrera, Jorge Andrick Parra Valencia  
In this Research’s line, we study, design, and promote changes in Institutions using information technology under Systemics Approaches.
Modelling, Simulation, and Learning in Organizations and Communities using System Thinking
Leader: José Daniel Cabrera, Jorge Andrick Parra Valencia
In this Research’s line, we study, design, and promote changes in Organizations and Communities using information technology under Systemics Approaches.

Systemic Thinking, Education, and Technology
Leader: Adriana Inés Ávila Zarate
In this Research’s line, we study and design of solutions to educational problems using information technology according to Systemics Approaches, organizational goals and Educational models.
PRESERVATION AND DIGITAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE – PRISMA

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Group Description: PRISMA is a multidisciplinary group that carries out applied research related to the technological foundations of knowledge management, the exchange of information, accounting and financial management in organizations, as well as the search for the application of technological solutions in organizations.
Research lines

**Innovation and Educational Technology**  
**Leader:** Lina María Osorio Valdés  
Seeks the design, development and evaluation of research projects that articulate the appropriate, creative and innovative use of technology in formal and non-formal educational environments.

**Technology and Society**  
**Leader:** Román Eduardo Sarmiento Porras  
It focuses on the integration of ICT-based solutions that generate productive processes, under conditions of sustainable development, seeking the improvement of the quality of life in the vulnerable population of Colombian society.

**Marketing and logistics**  
**Leader:** Adolfo Segura Moya  
The identification and interpretation of marketing phenomena is sought, the use of technologies applied to the exchange and relationship of companies and markets, incorporating the analytics and the use of ICTs to interpret and predict social behaviors associated with marketing and consumption of goods and services.
**INGENIERÍA FINANCIERA - GIF**

**FINANCIAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH GROUP - GIF**

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**Group Description:** The purpose of the group is the deepening, generation of knowledge, and interaction University - Company - State in the regional, national and international environment, in the areas of Financial Engineering such as investments, corporate finance, risk, hedge, speculation and disciplines as the economic area.

**Research lines**

**Corporative Finances**  
**Leader:** Isabel Cristina Barragán Arias  
Plans for the formation of support networks for SMEs, creation of methodologies and models for financial diagnosis, capital costs, capital budget, dividend policies, and valuation of companies, mergers, acquisitions and privatizations.
**Investments**  
**Leader:** José Luis Flórez Rueda  
Addresses issues such as fixed income markets, in which bonds and securitized assets are valued, international investment (yield calculations, risks, profits, and amounts), effects of political events, monetary policy announcements, supply shocks, announcements of corporate policy or restructuring, quarterly announcements of dividend results. Market models such as CAPM, single index, multi-index, factors and APT and study of donations and altruism.

**Coverage risk and speculation**  
**Leader:** Gloria Inés Macías Villalba  
Study and propose derivative instruments, of inputs, aversion to risk and country risk.
**APPLIED SCIENCES – GINCAP**

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**Group Description:** GINCAP group is multidisciplinary research group which works in a strict manner in the areas of natural sciences and mathematics. The group is projected to be a leader in the field of Applied Sciences with national and international collaborations by not only strengthening its areas of research but also through continuous work in the development of projects with scientific and social impact.

**Research lines**

**Science and Mathematics Education**  
**Leader:** Martha Lucía Barrera  
Application of methodologies that support the teaching-learning process, based on the analysis of pre-knowledge and the students learning styles.
Mathematical modeling and applied statistics
Leader: William González Calderón
Application of mathematical modeling and statistical analysis in any discipline and multidisciplinary work that requires any of them in order to describe different types of behavior that lead to the analysis of various situations.

Applied optics and signal processing
Leader: Ligia Beleno Montagut
Development of optical and/or digital methods and procedures to be applied in scientific and technological research oriented to the needs of the productive sector of the region and the country.
CLINICAL RESEARCHS

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Group Description: The clinical research UNAB- group develops its Mission through the following permanent work strategies: - Training and development of human talent: The group manages and programs training according to the needs of researchers, groups and lines of research. research, in coordination with the areas to which they are enrolled.
- Methodological advice: The group provides advice and designates the advisors requested by the researchers according to their specific needs in the realization of the projects that are in the process of planning, from the methodological point of view, fundamentally.
- Consultation of processes: The group has necessary information on standardization and regulation of research in different areas, and can guide researchers to adhere to processes that make them more timely, efficient and consistent with international quality standards.
- Process follow-up: The group collaborates with the follow-up of projects, programs and
lines in order to account for the progress and difficulties whose solutions can be supported with specific interventions.

- Inter-institutional management: It has information, manages and seeks strategic alliances to obtain resources or funding for research and is available to researchers who request it.

Research lines

**Anesthesiology**  
*Leader:* German William Rangel  
*Study:* Study of clinical cases and evaluation of anesthesia techniques.

**Critical Care and Intensive Care**  
*Leader:* Francisco Fernando Naranjo Junoy  
*Study:* Study of clinical cases, risk factors, management protocols and prognosis of the main events attended in critical care.

**Dermatology**  
*Leader:* Hernando Mosquera Sánchez  
*Description:* Description of clinical characteristics of prevalent dermatological problems, novel diagnostic methods and associated factors.

**Internal Medicine**  
*Leader:* Claudia Lucia Sossa Melo  
*Study:* Study of clinical cases, risk factors, treatment and prognosis of diseases of interest in the area of internal medicine.

**Ophthalmology**  
*Leader:* Alejandro Tello Hernández  
*Study:* Study of clinical cases, risk factors, evaluation of diagnostic tests, treatment and prognosis of diseases of interest in the area of ophthalmology.

**Radiology**  
*Leader:* Federico Guillermo Lubinus Badillo  
*Diagnosis:* Diagnostic evaluation of different radiological and imaging techniques with emphasis on the efficacy and safety of new technologies.
**Surgical Specialties**

**Leader:** William Omar Contreras López

Study of clinical cases, risk factors, treatment and prognosis of diseases of interest in the area of surgical specialties (urology, orthopedics, neurosurgery and others that will be included in the future).
GROUP QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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Group Description: The Quality of Life and Public Health Research Group belongs to the Center for Research in Health and Psychosocial Sciences and is classified by Colciencias in Category A. It is currently made up of professionals from different academic disciplines, which allows the strengthening of interdisciplinary research processes in the areas of interest of its researchers, thus generating discussion spaces that allow the inclusion of different disciplinary, theoretical and methodological perspectives. Traditionally the work has focused on two areas of Psychology: Clinical Psychology and Health and Neuropsychology, in the last two years has begun to work in the area of Organizational Psychology, Social Psychology, Basic and Superior Psychological Processes and Dynamics of the Pharmaceutical Service. Although it is true that the group's core of knowledge is Psychology, the opening of it will allow it to continue working on the understanding and solution of current problems in our society that require different approaches and alternative solutions.
Líneas de Investigación - Research lines

**Basic and superior psychological processes**
**Leader:** Juan Carlos Riveros Rodríguez
The line Basic and higher psychological processes aims to generate knowledge through the identification of the various phylogenetic, biological, and social factors that affect the development of individuals, including cognitive and behavioral changes that live in different circumstances. Also identify the way in which cognitive and behavioral changes can lead to the development of thought processes and dysfunctional behaviors. Consequently, the line seeks to generate basic knowledge about the factors that affect both the psychological development of individuals and their interactions and social relationships.

**Health, State and Society**
**Leader:** Mónica Mojica Perilla
The Health, State and Society research line aims to develop research proposals that take into account both the health and illness conditions of the public and their links with the social, cultural, historical, political and economic dimensions. From the research line, health and illness are assumed as realities that go beyond the level of the merely individual, to include the social, historical, cultural, political and economic dimension, thus establishing a dialectical relationship between these and the health and health processes. Such an approach requires research proposals that take into account both the health and illness conditions of the public and their links with the previously mentioned dimensions. This requires the joint work of professionals from various disciplines and the implementation of varied methodologies, in an attempt to understand health and disease as a collective fact.

**Quality of life**
**Leader:** Martha Ortega Ortiz
This line of research aims to build knowledge about the quality of life variable in different human areas through documentary, exploratory, descriptive and replication studies, focused from a bio-psycho-socio-cultural model, focusing needs and facilitating decision making in relevant variables for the quality of life, which in turn allow promoting and generating intervention strategies in favor of human welfare.
GENETIC STUDY OF COMPLEX DISEASES

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**Group Description:** Interdisciplinary research team that studies common diseases of high prevalence and impact in the Colombian population, evaluating in an integrated form the genetic and environmental factors that interact in a complex way is its physiopathology.
Research lines

Cancer
Leader: Claudia Janeth Uribe Pérez
To determine the sociodemographic characteristics and their possible association as risk factors for the development of cancer and to identify incidents of malignant cancer in residents of the Metropolitan Area of Bucaramanga. In addition, it seeks to explore the molecular and immunohistochemical characterization of different types of cancer with high prevalence in Bucaramanga and establish in subgroups of the study population, the role of genetic variants in the presentation of familial cancer.

Genetics and molecular biology of complex diseases
Leader: Silvia Milena Becerra Bayona
Characterize the impact of genes of biological interest in the development of common diseases, by visualizing the role of genetic polymorphisms in the networks pathophysologies involved their origins. In a complementary manner, it promotes the creation of a bank of human biological material for the molecular study of common diseases of national relevance.

Serological biomarkers in complex diseases - MASEC
Leader: María Carolina Páez Leal
Identifies the shape and strength of association between the levels of diverse biomarkers and the presence of complex diseases, and their relation with severity and therapeutic response.

Social representations in health
Leader: María Carolina Páez Leal
Identifies social representations related to the knowledge, attitudes and practices around common diseases, their clinical presentation, how to prevent and treat them, as well as the short and long term consequences for the affected person and their family; whose knowledge contributes to the design of integral strategies of intervention, promotion and prevention that impact all the instances and actors of the health system.

ICT as a strategy in the comprehensive approach to Common Diseases
Leader: María Lucrecia Luna González
Promotes and facilitates projects of social innovation in health based on Information and communications technology (ICT), with the aim of consolidating its use, as a tool to mitigate
inequities in the approach of chronic diseases, making approximations in education, monitoring, diagnosis and intervention.
PUBLIC HEALTH OBSERVATORY OF SANTANDER

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Group Description: Observatorio de Salud Pública de Santander (OSPS) is an interdisciplinary research group, founded in 2005 under FOSCAL Foundation endorsement. From 2017 it’s endorsed also by Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga UNAB. We have seven research lines: Health situation analysis, Non-communicable diseases (NCD) risk factors surveillance, Health and environment, Health information systems, Social appropriation of knowledge in health, Gender and health, and Ocular health.

Observatorio de Salud Pública de Santander (OSPS) research group was gestated inside the program with the same name, which was an integratory instance of experience and knowledge in public health management in Santander, born in 2004 as an alliance between Departamento de Santander and Foscal Foundation. Its mission is to contribute to the public policy creation, health plans and programs and development of academic projects.
Also, it facilitates knowledge management through processing, analysis and diffusion of information of interest in public health.

**Research lines**

**Non-communicable diseases (NCD) risk factors surveillance**
**Leader:** Claudia Milena Hormiga Sánchez
This research line has its focus in study of factors for Non-communicable diseases, mainly the biological and behavioral factors defined as priorities by the World Health Organization in the STEPwise surveillance system: overweight / obesity, hypertension, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, practice of physical activity, consumption of alcohol, tobacco and fruits and vegetables.

Within the framework of this line, the OSPS group has developed, under the coordination of the Ministry of Health of Santander, two cross-sectional studies with departmental coverage (2010 and 2015) following the STEPwise methodology of the WHO. The data generated in these investigations have been included in the work carried out by the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC).

**Health situation analysis**
**Leader:** Silvia Constanza Plata Vanegas
This line includes research on the state of the population health situation in the territories, mainly in the department of Santander and its municipalities. In the development of this line, the OSPS group has developed periodic analysis of the departmental health situation since 2005 and studies of events of interest in the area of public health.

**Social Appropriation of Knowledge in Health**
**Leader:** Diana María Delgado Chinchilla
Through this line, OSPS develops projects for management, transfer, citizen participation and communication of knowledge produced in the area of health in the department. In this line, OSPS has participated in the development of several local projects with schooled adolescent aimed at promoting the adoption of health care habits.
Gender and Health
Leader: Claudia Milena Hormiga Sánchez
This line of research focuses on studying the relationship between gender, as the axis of social structure and social determinant of health, and various outcomes of the health disease process, using mixed methodological approaches.

Eye Health
Leader: Virgilio Galvis Ramírez
This line focuses on the study of human eye health through observational and experimental studies that have estimated the population magnitude of some eye diseases or the casuistry of these in the Fundación Oftalmológica de Santander, as well as the effectiveness of new therapeutic procedures.

Health and Environment
Leader: Claudia Milena Hormiga Sánchez
It focuses on the study of the environmental influences of the physical environment, mainly air quality, on human health. The studies carried out have shown the effects of air pollution on respiratory health and cancer in Santander and other territories of the country.

Health Information Systems
Leader: Rafael Gustavo Ortiz Martínez
It focuses on the application of information and communication technologies in the field of health. It is a transversal line that contributes to the study of the other lines of the group. Within the framework of this line, the support that ICT applications can offer to the health sector in community action and the prevention, care and rehabilitation of health events is studied. In this field applications of electronic medical history, telemedicine, mobile health, data analytics and digital health literacy have been developed.
VIOLENCE, LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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Group Description: The research group studies psychosocial processes related to the manifestation of aggressiveness and the irruption of violent phenomena that have effects in the subjectivity as well as the social bond. It concentrates its efforts on the construction of interdisciplinary knowledge and theoretical models, which allow the analysis of emerging problematics in the Colombian and Latin American context. As a group oriented by a critical perspective, research is assumed in a strict sense, with methodologies focused on the explanation of psychosocial phenomena, the strengthening of formative research and the social appropriation of knowledge.
Research lines

**Discursive practices**
*Leader:* Doris Amparo Barreto Osma
This line aims to make contributions to the research processes of psychology and social life, as well as the discussion about human construction of meaning, the other, the place that is given to violence in its daily manifestations, such as the ones that take place at work, and the various ways to establish bonds, from the analysis of the discourses that constitute the practices of contemporary culture.

**Psychoanalysis and Culture**
*Leader:* Carlos Germán Celis Estupiñán
This research line aims to maintain a critical dialogue with the epistemic path opened by Freud and continued by Lacan, taking into account the theoretical and clinical principles of psychoanalytic knowledge; all of this, through the analysis of the effects of the subject's relationship with the other and culture, as well as the symptomatic forms in which subjectivity expresses its discomfort through language, violence and the body.

**Violence, childhood and adolescence**
*Leader:* Carlos Germán Celis Estupiñán
The line focuses on claiming the recognition of the subject present in a child and a teenager, at a time in which childhood and adolescence tend to be explained by developmental paradigms that reduce them to an age range. The subject present in a child or a teenager is the one that gives an account of the symptoms, the marks that have been left by the encounter with the other, violence, as well as culture, with its imperatives of consumption, that have produced new frailties in children and adolescents, resulting in manifestations of violence against themselves and others.
CARING RESEARCH GROUP

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Group Description: The research group from UNAB nursing program: CARING, whose meaning in Spanish is "taking care of", subscribed in the Research in Health and Psychosocial Sciences Office from UNAB, founded since July 2012, and is currently registered and classified as C category (Call 781 of 2017).
The research group is conformed by full-time and cathedratic teachers from the nursing program, graduates and undergraduate students. Colciencias has recognized several researchers enrolled in our group.

**Research lines**

**Nursing Care of the Pregnant, Children and Adolescents**  
**Leader:** Martha Isabel Robles Carreño  
It seeks developing research projects that may contribute to the object of study of the nursing discipline. These involve nursing care of the pregnant woman, children and adolescents. The research line looks forward understanding diverse health situations of the pregnant woman, child and adolescent around the health-illness process, by using nursing scientific evidence. It develops investigation in clinical and community context that reflects daily life situations from this population group, both at an individual, family and community level.

**Nursing Care of the adult and the elder adults**  
**Leader:** Hendrik Adrián Baracaldo Campo  
It seeks developing research that contributes to the nursing discipline object of study, which is the nursing care of the adult and the elder adults. This line pursuits understanding health situations from adults and the elderly, in the health-illness process, using nursing scientific evidence. It develops research in clinical and community contexts from this population, which reflects daily living, at individual, familiar and community levels.
PREVENTIVE CARDIOLOGY

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**Group Description:** To evaluate strategies to prevent, diagnose, and treat risk factors for the development of atherothrombotic events.

**Research lines**

**Chagas’ disease**  
**Leader:** Juan Carlos Villar Centeno  
To contribute to bridge the knowledge gap in the areas of diagnosis and preventions of the acute and indeterminate phases of Chagas’ disease.  
**Milestones:** a) Assembly and follow-up of the CHICAMOCHA cohort (n ~ 400 asymptomatic adults, seropositive for T.cruzi, evaluated for changes in cardiovascular function at 2 and 4 years) aimed at determining prognostic factors in Chagas’ disease; b) Conduction of RCTs (n ~ [250 - 500]) to evaluate the efficacy of trypanocidal and combined therapy (trypanocidal and neurohormonal) to reduce the risk of progression from the indeterminate to the chronic phase of Chagas’ disease.
**Cardiovascular Health**

**Leader:** Juan Carlos Villar Centeno

To estimate the incidence and monitor the change of health behaviours and factors that constitute the construct of "cardiovascular health" and to determine its association to atherothrombotic events. Milestones: Assembly and follow-up of the CHICAMOCHA cohort (n ~ 1,200 asymptomatic adults, seronegative for T.cruzi, evaluated for changes of cardiovascular health at 12 years).

**Cardiovascular complications related to surgical procedures**

**Leader:** Juan Carlos Villar Centeno

To estimate the incidence of cardiovascular complications and to determine prognostic factors among patients undergoing cardiac and non-cardiac surgical procedures. Milestones: a) Coordination of recruitment centers in Colombia for the PeriOperative ISchemic Evaluation Trials (POISE-1 and POISE-2) and the Steroids In caRdiac Surgery Trial (SIRS Trial); b) Coordination of recruitment centers in Bucaramanga for the Myocardial Injury After Noncardiac Surgery (MANAGE), Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion Study III (LAAOS III), and the Transfusion requirements in cardiac surgery III (TRICS III); c) Coordination of recruitment centers in Colombia for Vascular events in noncardiac surgery patients cohort evaluation (VISION).

**Environmental determinants of cardiovascular disease**

**Leader:** Víctor Mauricio Herrera Galindo

To estimate the exposure to air pollution (outdoor and indoor) and to determine its association to the development and progression of cardiovascular disease. Milestones: a) Conduction of a cross-sectional study to estimate the exposure to fine particulate matter (mass and composition) and their association to blood pressure among non-smoker adults in Bucaramanga (n ~ 500); b) Conduction of a pilot study (n ~ 80) to characterize the exposure to air pollution related to different patterns of vehicle traffic and its association to markers of inflammation and cardiovascular function.
RESEARCH GROUP HEALTH AND EDUCATION

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Group Description: We are an interdisciplinary group that from the basic sciences, in the areas of cellular and molecular biology, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, immunology and pharmacology tried to preserve, foment, produce and disseminate knowledge that impacts on the people's health in the fields of health education, generating teaching-learning strategies that favor significant learning in students, and innovation in the teaching field, as well as in the area of development of new technologies that positively impact the course and outcomes of the disease, both in the patient and in the community
Research lines

Clinic application of the anatomical variations
Leader: Edgar Giovanni Corzo Gómez
It deals with the study of anatomical variations of clinical importance.

Cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the disease
Leader: Diego Torres Dueñas
This line investigates the participation and mechanisms of multiple mediators in the pathogenic and physiopathology of the disease and their relationship as markers of severity and forecasting, which allow for the search for new and more effective therapies.

New medicines and technologies in health
Leader: Deisy Yurley Rodríguez Sarmiento
Deals with design, chemical synthesis and characterization of endogenous molecules of interest, as drug analogues with similar pharmacological applications, as well as Advanced Therapies development through the application of tissue engineering with prophylactic, diagnostic, forecasting and therapeutic objectives that intervene in the natural history of diseases.

Education/Learning in health
Leader: Hilda Leonor González Olaya
Inclined to the search for teaching alternatives to health education, incorporating new technologies of information technology and communication, emphasizing ethics and factors associated with performance and academic performance.

Basic and applied physiology
Leader: Edgar Adrián Torres Sepúlveda
Proned the design and execution of studies that generate and strengthen knowledge about physiological events in humans and animals. Similarly, it allows the recognition of organic and systemic physiology applied to the course of different pathologies in all population groups.
TRANSDISCIPLINARITY, CULTURE AND POLITICS

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Group Description: It builds knowledge on the social processes of symbolic production, emphasizing its political character in search of better levels of coexistence, committed to a reorientation of knowledge production practices from academia, with a view to interdisciplinary exchange and the decentralization of knowledge. It also strategically projects our intellectual production both in teaching and in social action.

Research lines

Contemporary aesthetics and sensitivities
Leader: Edwin Rey Velasco
Privileges looks to the world of today, that allow to understand the forces that define our time from its social, economic, technological, historical conditions, etc. But this priority for the contemporary does not represent any type of exclusion, and rather defines an intention to understand and explore the development of culture from a perspective that, going beyond purely historicist conceptions, conceives previous developments of culture as living and acting processes, which we make our own to the extent that they constitute us, defining our belonging to an era and conditions of our own.

Gender, social movements and power
Leader: Ángel Nemecio Barba
It groups research interests around the politics of identity and difference (of gender, generation, class, ethnicity and culture, among others) as dominant characteristic traits, but not excluding power relations at stake, not only in the conventional spaces of institutional politics (state, parties, government...), but in other spaces of construction/transformations of the political (Mouffe, 1999, p.13). These can be both those of private and intimate life, passing through institutions (universities) up to the
organizational processes and collective action that promote cultural and political transformations, in any of these contexts.

**Cultural Heritage**

**Leader:** Frank Alexander Rodríguez

It places at the centre of the cultural debate a dimension of what heritage is, which broadens the more canonical vision of heritage seen as a museum, extending it to more everyday and socially extensive cultural practices, opening the way to the recognition of the cultural heritage of the region, as well as being a privileged space for the development of research.

**Representations, Memory and Institutionability (RMI)**

**Leader:** Roberto Sancho Larrañaga

It seeks to recognize and understand the constituent and instituting plots of significance of social experience, derived from theoretical discussions and methodological proposals in research processes, consolidated a space of open epistemic formulation, with a clear potential for interdisciplinary dialogue and for the exercise of the transdisciplinary.
EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE

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Group Description: Focuses its interest, reflection and action in the field of education from: Pedagogy and Didactics; Childhood, Culture and Diversity; Education Management; and Innovation; This with the aim of building a broad and solid vision of different elements and contexts that provoke questions, discussion, studies, inquiries and constructions from and for multiple environments and educational actors.
Research lines

**Pedagogical and Didactic Knowledge**
**Leader:** María Piedad Acuña
Establishes a relationship between the theoretical field of education, pedagogy, didactics and the pedagogical practices, considered as spaces for reflection where the teacher puts into play multiple pieces of knowledge and skills.

**Childhood, Culture, and diversity**
**Leader:** Joyce Mildred Pérez
Support the formation of teachers and other educational agents, from the conceptions of childhoods in contemporary and its transcendence in the development of the person to transforming the educational environments for the benefit of equality, equity and respect for difference.

**Innovation and Creativity in Education**
**Leader:** Adriana Cadena León
It proposes to generate methods, materials, techniques and innovative strategies, to transformation of educational practice to have significant, creative and autonomous learning.

**Management in Education**
**Leader:** Nelly Milady López
It works about the reflection and analysis in order of management, academic, pedagogical, administrative and community fields to guarantee a quality educational service and challenges of continuous improvement in institutions of formal, non-formal and informal education as well as in both Public and private sector.
RESEARCH GROUP LEGAL HERMENEUTICS

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Group Description: Research group composed of professors of the Law program of the Universidad Autónoma of Bucaramanga, created in 1985.

Research lines

Legal Analysis
Leader: Julian Eduardo Prada Uribe
Research on the logical and epistemological assumptions of production, interpretation and application of Law.
**Legal Argumentation**  
**Leader:** Carlos Arturo Duarte  
Research oriented to the study of the rational justification of a legal decision or interpretation, as well as the methods or rules useful for this purpose.

**Legal Dogmatic**  
**Leader:** Camilo Quiñónez Avendaño  
Research where the present or past legal order is studied, in its dispositive or abstract content.

**History of Law**  
**Leader:** Mauricio Enrique Rodríguez Delgado  
Roman law, starting from the colony until the creation of the unitary Republic of Colombia. Review the content of the texts used in each stage to specify the curricula of the law faculties of each period. Describe the contents of the courses of Roman Law and Civil Law in the colonial period and in the first century of Republican life.
RESEARCH GROUP FAMILY, GENDER AND CONFLICT

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Group Description: An oldest law institute is Family, whose evolution means different ways of understanding it, but does not mean that its essence has change: the protection of relationships between people who share genetic or affective components.

From this institute, the research group Family, Gender and Conflict pretends to undersatnd how this process has been affected by contemporary developments as the gender conception, the impact of new technonologies that change the esencials relationships of the institute, and the attacks to the natural harmony of the family, whose is the base of society.

Research lines

Bioethics and new technologies law  
Leader: Mario Guevara Mendoza  
The impact of the application of new technologies, specially in the conception and procreation, as a new way to construct new types of affective relationships, in the familia as a law institute, create new legal relations that is necessary to study.

Human rights, Children and Adolescent  
Leader: Aída Fernández de los Campos  
The children and adolescents, in last years, has having an special attention in the society
development, acquiring the status as special protection, in national law and international law, affair that is important to study, always thinking in the protection of this special group.

**Family**
**Leader:** Mario Guevara Mendoza
Although been an oldest institute, the study of this legal institute is relevant, being the fundaments of society and the genesis of development.

**Family Violence**
**Leader:** Aida Fernández de los Campos
The study of this phenomenon is crucial to understanding the problem that arises and threatens the fundamental values of the family as an institute.
RESEARCH GROUP THEORY OF LAW AND LEGAL TRAINING

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Group Description: The Research Group on Theory of Law and Legal Training was created in 2011 as a stage for the generation of new knowledge in the field of theories of justice and law, and in discussions about the teaching of law. Based on this assumption, the group has three lines of research: Discussions on the teaching of Law and the training of citizenship competencies, Theories of contemporary justice and Typicity and interpretation in Private Law. These lines are consistent with the areas of work of its members and with the need to address issues that impact positively the processes of formation of the Law students at the Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga, UNAB.

Within the group, different projects have been proposed that have given rise to products of new knowledge and social appropriation of knowledge. Its members directly support the process of formation of the seedbeds of the University, which is expected to strengthen the teaching - research relationship.
Research lines

*Discussions about the teaching of Law and the training of citizens' competences*
**Leader:** Diana Carolina Pinzón Mejía
In this line is problematized around the teaching of Law, its particularities, the role of the actors in the process, as well as the review and design of teaching and learning strategies that facilitate mediation processes and the achievement of meaningful learning.

*Contemporary theories of justice*
**Leader:** Ana Patricia Pabón Mantilla
In this line problematizes around the theories of justice of contemporary authors, from the political philosophy, the philosophy of law and legal theory, linking this discussion to contemporary legal and social problems in order to establish relevant routes to guide the solution of these problems in the legal sphere.

*Typicality and interpretation in the Private Law*
**Leader:** Carlos Andrés González León
In this line is problematized about the issues related to the formation and interpretation of legal business, its form, content and economic and social function, in order to determine the processes of change, the discussions and contemporary difficulties that the hiring schemes offer of Private law in global markets, in order to review the scope and structure and characteristics of contemporary legal dogmatic.
RESEARCH GROUP POLITIC SCIENCES

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Descripción del grupo: Analiza la interrelación entre los actores, las redes y las instituciones que da lugar a la configuración del poder político, las características de la representación y la calidad de la respuesta pública a las demandas sociales, centrándose particularmente en el foco de atención en las políticas públicas orientadas a la construcción de paz y la promoción del desarrollo.

Group Description: Analyzes the interrelation between the actors, networks and institutions that gives rise to the configuration of political power, the characteristics of representation and the quality of the public response to social demands, focusing in particular the focus on public policies aimed at building peace and promoting development.

Líneas de Investigación - Research lines
Partidos Políticos y Sistema Electoral
Líder: Esther Parra Ramírez
Analiza la naturaleza y las características de los partidos políticos, principalmente en lo referido a la forma en que se relacionan entre sí estas colectividades políticas y la incidencia que tiene el sistema electoral sobre la configuración de las fuerzas al interior de las corporaciones políticas de orden nacional y territorial. Particulares atenciones han tenido los estudios sobre los diseños institucionales en el ámbito del sistema de partidos y sus transformaciones hacia dinámicas multipartidistas y de coalición. Así mismo, se impulsan estudios comparados sobre comportamiento electoral a nivel territorial y local.

Political Parties and Electoral System
Leader: Esther Parra Ramírez
Analyze the nature and characteristics of political parties, mainly in relation to the way in which these political collectivities are related to each other and the impact that the electoral system has on the configuration of forces within political corporations. National and territorial order. Particular attention has been paid to studies on institutional designs in the field of the party system and its transformations towards multiparty and coalition dynamics. Likewise, comparative studies on electoral behavior at territorial and local level are promoted.

Gobernabilidad y Liderazgo Político
Líder: María Eugenia Bonilla Ovallos
Estudia la capacidad de los poderes públicos para interactuar en aras de plantear soluciones a los problemas políticos, sociales y económicos, fortaleciendo la legitimidad de la democracia mediante el establecimiento de liderazgos sólidos, capaces de generar consensos y promover el desarrollo a partir de un ejercicio eficiente de representación.

Governance and Political Leadership
Leader: María Eugenia Bonilla Ovallos
Study the capacity of public authorities to interact in order to propose solutions to political, social and economic problems, strengthening the legitimacy of democracy through the establishment of solid leadership, capable of generating consensus and promoting development based on a efficient representation exercise

Políticas Públicas y Desarrollo
Líder: Jakeline Vargas Parra
Aborda la respuesta del Estado a los problemas públicos para producir evidencia que permita valorar la intervención gubernamental en términos de su contribución a mejorar la calidad de vida de los ciudadanos y las ciudadanas. Aporta al control social de la gestión pública a través de la asesoría para la formulación de políticas públicas y la evaluación de la implementación de programas sociales. Analiza la influencia de las políticas públicas como eje articulador entre la calidad de la democracia y desarrollo económico.

**Public Policies and Development**
**Leader:** Jakeline Vargas Parra

Addresses the State’s response to public problems in order to produce evidence to assess government intervention in terms of its contribution to improving the quality of life of citizens. It contributes to the social control of public management through advice for the formulation of public policies and the evaluation of the implementation of social programs. Analyze the influence of public policies as an articulating axis between the quality of democracy and economic development.

**Estudios de Paz, Reconciliación y Posconflicto**
**Líder:** Ángela María Díaz Pérez

Reflexiona sobre la paz y la multiplicidad de estrategias para su búsqueda y consolidación. Analiza las causas sociales, políticas y económicas del conflicto y aborda la recuperación de la memoria con fines de no repetición. Desarrolla estrategias encaminadas al fortalecimiento institucional para la reparación a víctimas y la reintegración de personas desmovilizadas de grupos armados. Busca identificar iniciativas y mecanismos de reconciliación que posibiliten la convivencia pacífica; la gestión y transformación pacífica de los conflictos y la generación de una cultura de paz con enfoque territorial.

**Studies of Peace, Reconciliation and Post-Conflict**
**Leader:** Angela María Díaz Pérez

Reflect on peace and the multiplicity of strategies for its search and consolidation. Analyze the social, political and economic causes of the conflict and address the recovery of memory for the purpose of non-repetition. It develops strategies aimed at institutional strengthening for the reparation of victims and the reintegration of demobilized persons from armed groups. It seeks to identify initiatives and mechanisms of reconciliation that enable peaceful coexistence; the management and peaceful transformation of conflicts and the generation of a culture of peace with a territorial approach.
RESEARCH GROUP POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC OPINION

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Group Description: Institutions are fundamental in the scenario in which public policies are implemented, individual behavior and collective action, the analysis of their functioning dynamics and their interaction with citizens in the perspective of gender and human rights. The core of interest of this group to produce knowledge that contributes to academic debate, contribution to the formation of public opinion and social transformation.

Research lines

Gender and Social Movements
Leader: Ángela María Díaz Pérez
The Gender Approach is a transversal tool for the understanding of diverse socio-cultural phenomena, emphasizing the socio-economic empowerment of women, their political participation and their contribution to the construction of peace in the Colombian context. Explore innovative alternatives for a cultural transformation, the breakdown of gender roles and stereotypes, as well as the development of new masculinities and non-hegemonic femininities. Reflect on sexual affective diversity and gender identities, making visible their
corporality, psychism and subjectivity, as a tool for equality. It deepens in the study of social movements in the contemporary world, as architects of the great social transformations. It analyzes human mobility, its causes, consequences and possible alternatives for the reception of migrants and the development of an intercultural society.

**Trafficking in Persons**
**Leader:** Jakeline Vargas Parra
Articulates networks at national and international level with the different actors related to the approach of human trafficking, to identify the dynamics of the phenomenon and jointly build actions that prevent the occurrence of crime, assistance and protection to victims and research and prosecution of the perpetrators. Human Trafficking is a crime that involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary in the sex industry, begging, servile marriages, forced labour among other diverse sectors in which the dignity of men and women is undermined and their autonomy is limited.

**Citizenship and Public Opinion**
**Leader:** Judith Lucía Del Socorro Ramírez Carrero
Analyze the dynamics that arise from the multiple interactions between the media, political institutions and citizens, as well as the ideological forms that define institutional and public behavior. It explores the way in which public opinion is constructed and how it directly affects the way in which societies and their institutions construct their social imaginaries.

**Political power**
**Leader:** Esther Parra Ramírez
This line is oriented to the analysis of the relations between governors and the citizens, particularly in the territorial and local scope through studies on leadership, social control of public management, presidential powers and their transformation from institutional redesigns. His interest is also in the studies on governance in the different scenarios of application and studies on biopolitics, that is, those related to the forms of government in which power relations express a new dynamic of forces, where the life emerges as a power of resistance and creation.
GROUP IN ORGANIZATIONAL RESEARCH - GENIO

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**Group Description:** GENIO Research Group develops activities of teaching, research and extension in topics related to: strategy, productivity, competitiveness, marketing and internationalization, quality, social accountability, entrepreneurship and innovation; creating relevant knowledge for the region and the globe, around the management carried out by the organizations, having as a baseline the school of competitiveness thought and the creation of value, which have enhanced the relations with the entrepreneurial sector.

**Research lines**

*Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Innovation*

**Leader:** Eduardo Carrillo Zambrano

Focused on improving processes and raising, in a sustainable way, the efficiency and competitiveness of the organizations, incorporating evaluations, standards and methodologies integrally and transversely, interpreting their perspective and management model out of entrepreneurship and venture. Based on the aforementioned, the research group hosts, assesses and supports the consolidation of winner ideas out of the differentiation and the approach, contributing to the creation of companies and organizations, taking into account the competence and competitiveness standards, and the promotion and assistance in the creation and enhancement of startups and spinoffs.

*Marketing and Internationalization*

**Leader:** Clara Inés Peña de Carrillo

Layout of strategies in territorial marketing and city marketing as support to the municipalities, regions and departments that can demonstrate, through evaluations and interventions of interdisciplinary groups, the competitiveness axis that withstands the positioning of the region in Colombia and the world, with clear marks of competitiveness and socio-economic development.

With regards to Internationalization, it encompasses sensitive topics related to International competitiveness, the international profile of the organizations, offer studies of exportable goods, international commercialization studies, export plans and international logistics, global linking, gap analysis and assistance to the company in order to improve its efficiency and achieve high standards for accessing the international market. Moreover, it is considered the national and international mobility of the researchers for the development of ensemble projects that contribute to the economic development of the participant countries.
Strategic and Competitiveness  
**Leader:** Diana Oliveros Contreras  
This line’s purpose is to create knowledge that promotes productivity, internationalization, competitiveness and the creation of value in the organizations and regions. With the development of basic and applied research, and the offer of consultancy services, it is incorporated the models, techniques, tools and applications that allow the assessment of perspectives, trends and strategies that support the decision making at the organizations.

Sustainable Development  
**Leader:** Andrea Catalina Martínez Lozada  
This line of research is focused on the development and management of projects and initiatives related to the UN GLOBAL COMPACT and to the corresponding commitments with the objectives of sustainable development, and to the transfer of good entrepreneurial and organizational practices in management programs of social and economic benefit.

Educative Innovation  
**Leader:** Mónica Vargas Prieto  
Research development on the educative field, using technology and creative and innovative strategies, aiming for the strengthening and improvement of the learning process in the business area, fostering a culture of quality in the programs of the FACULTY OF ECONOMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE SCIENCES.
ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCES - INVESCONFIN

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Group Description: The research group in accountancy and finances INVESCONFIN researches creative solutions to technical and practical problems for the economic and social fields, both regional and national. Moreover, the group investigates related topics to educative innovation, the follow-up of competences and the design of better pedagogical practices that improve both teaching and learning processes of chartered accountants.

Research lines

Audit and Control
Leader: Fernando Chaparro García
Project development in financial and internal audit under international standards, in evaluation models of entrepreneurial risks, codes of good governance, quality audit and educative research on the pedagogics and didactics of the audit.

Accountancy and Finances
Leader: Nydia Marcela Reyes Maldonado
Project development in accountancy and international finances, administrative accountancy, of expenses, as well as the educative research on the pedagogics and didactics of the accountability and finances.

Accountancy Information Technology
Leader: Carlos Alberto Oyola Moreno

Project development focused on the analysis of financial information with emerging technologies, on the application of new technologies to the accounting profession and the design of applied technologies to innovation and educative management.
RESEARCH GROUP SECTORAL DYNAMICS

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Group Description: Sectoral Dynamics is an interdisciplinary research group focused on the analysis of issues related to the dynamics of economic sectors and the economic and social development of the region and the country. Its main objective is to contribute to the understanding of socio-economic phenomena in these areas and propose solutions to problems in the public and private sectors.

Research lines

Local Economic Development
Leader: Pedro Fernando Delgado Jaimes
This line of research deals with subjects related to economic development and the productive and competitive transformation of the different economic sectors and their social implications, from a territorial perspective.
**Applied Economics**  
**Leader:** Ismael Estrada Cañas  
The objective of this line of research is to apply the theories, techniques and tools of Economics to the analysis of real problems that affect the interaction of economic agents and their context, seeking solutions to them.

**Tourism and Culture**  
**Leader:** Ricardo Varela Villalba  
This research line develops projects, which, from a social, economic and cultural perspective, identify and analyse the tourist potentials of the regions with tourism potential in Colombia. Similarly, it aims to generate proposals for the implementation of sectoral policies to foster the regional and national tourism.


**BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT - CINBBYA**

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**Group Description:** The group in Biotechnology and Environment and its two lines serves as an integrating axis of the functions of research and teaching at the level of sustainability, integrating the different disciplines of knowledge and recognizing the complexity of society itself, nature and its relationships. Given the current opportunities in the industrial sector, the group has concentrated its efforts on improving the productivity of resources, including biotechnology in production processes, reducing environmental impact, incorporating clean technologies and the reasonable use of waste to generate other products, through applied research.

Starting from an effective and efficient management exercise as a means for present and future generations to have a healthy and ecologically balanced human environment, the group has directed efforts in the preservation of the resource base and the environment, promoting the use of biodiversity as a promising source of new resources.

**Research lines**

*Environmental Biotechnology*  
Environmental biotechnology has emerged as a solution to many of today's pollution problems. Generically, environmental biotechnology encompasses any application aimed at
reducing pollution, from the use of microorganisms to generate fuels to the use of plants to absorb toxic substances.

In this line of work, viable solutions to environmental social problems are generated through the use of clean technologies in areas such as the production of bioethanol from agricultural waste, bioproduction of biodiesel from green algae and cyanobacteria, waste bioconversion processes, production of biogas, production of biohydrogen from green algae, production of biofertilizer and soil recoverers from organic waste material.

**Environmental Bioethics**
From this line we seek to develop environmental awareness, with the aim of generating clean production as an alternative for sustainable and eco-efficient development, using biological waste as inputs for the bioproduction of value-added compounds, working on issues such as the conservation of biodiversity, environmental awareness campaigns, determination of air microbial quality, environmental health, biodegradation of soil and water environmental pollutants, microorganisms and their effect on the deterioration of the environment, environmental management bioprocesses, air quality and their epidemiological relationship, based on bioethics in each of the processes.