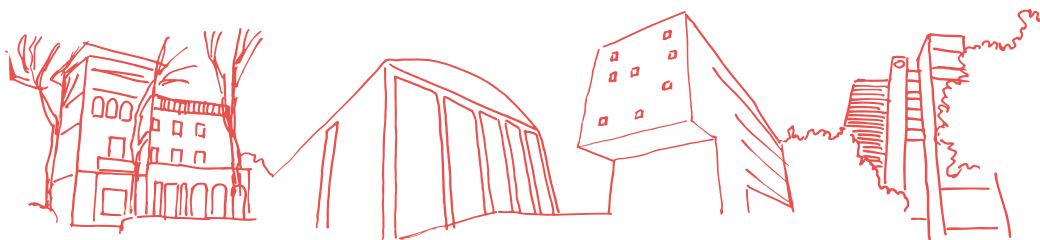


Excellence is the future

# A unique university project



**Blanquerna**

UNIVERSITAT RAMON LLULL

# Our own innovative educational style

Blanquerna was born in 1948 with a determined desire to serve the country through the education of new teachers. From the beginning, the Church's School of Teachers was a pioneering institution for its particular personalised method and for its commitment to offer education based on three dimensions, which we have never waived: human, academic and professional.

In 1991, Blanquerna was one of the institutions that founded Ramon Llull University (URL), the first private university in Catalonia, which came to enrich the educational offer in Catalonia by contributing with the experience of a long, social and plural initiative. The group of institutions that make up URL were awarded the Campus of International Excellence definitive stamp in 2016, by the Spanish Ministry of Education, with the highest distinction.

At present, Blanquerna-URL offers degree, master's courses, URL courses and doctorates in the fields of education, sport, health, communication and international relations, all of them linked directly to people's life.

From that first School of Teachers, the three current schools have emerged: the School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences, the School of Health Sciences, and the School of Communication and International Relations. The three of them are located in emblematic areas of Barcelona, and have shaped a new concept of urban campus.

Blanquerna-URL currently imparts university degrees and masters in the fields of education, sports, health, communication and international relations.





# Blanquerna in numbers

[Updated information on January 31st 2023]

571 professors

144 administration  
and services staff

7.144  
degree and master's  
course students

17 degree  
courses    9 double  
degree  
courses

21 official  
master's courses

43 URL master's and  
doctorate courses

153 international  
university courses

17 research  
groups

49,8M €  
[annual income for 2020-21]

2.000.000 €  
in scholarships and grants

27.194 m<sup>2</sup>  
of facilities



## Vision

To be a Barcelona university institution, recognised both nationally and internationally for our own particular and innovative educational style, for the excellent training of professionals with a high employment rate and social commitment, and for the impact of their research on society.

## Mission

Integral education of people so that they become competent, ethical professionals, committed to social transformation and generating knowledge at the service of justice and the common good.

## Values

### Quality

Because we are a university and do things with professionalism, knowledge and excellence.

### Person

Because people, their integral growth and their project of sense are the *raison d'être* of our mission.

### Professionalism and service

Because we personalise our activity and act as a team with a true service vocation.

### Creativity

Because Ramon Llull's root makes us passionate about discovering and building new paths.

### Rooted and opened to the world

Because our identity and the world improve when we deploy networks and practice the culture of gathering and dialogue.

### Civic engagement

Because from ethics, responsibility and faith we contribute to build a fairer and more solidary society.

# 10 defining aspects of Blanquerna's methodology

## 1 Commitment

We understand the university years as a period of growth which is very demanding intellectually, and which entails an attitude of commitment with regard to studies and, at the same time, an **ethical commitment** to professional practice.

## 2 Knowledge

Blanquerna-URL combines **three different profiles of professors** (active professionals, teaching professors and research professors) in order to guarantee comprehensive, proactive and critical knowledge.

## 3 Opportunities

Blanquerna-URL has **4.374 agreements with companies** for compulsory internships, which are mentored and assessed. 40% of our graduates find a job from their internships.

# 4.374

agreements with companies

## 4 Internationalization

Apart from daily contact in a campus, Blanquerna-URL students get **international scope** via academic exchanges and practice stays in other countries.

## 5 Prestige

Blanquerna-URL is the only private Catalan university recognised as a **CEI** (Campus of International Excellence), with one of the highest **employment rates** in the entire country.

## 6 Proximity

The **seminars** are the distinctive key element of the Blanquerna-URL methodology. These are carried out weekly in small groups in every academic year with a professional tutor, in which students develop teamwork and situations from the professional world are reproduced.

## 7 Financial Aid

Blanquerna-URL dedicates more than **€2.000,000** to scholarships and financial aid. In addition, tuition fees can be paid in monthly instalments: 50% is paid when enrolling, and the rest in nine instalments.

# 2.000.000€

in scholarships and grants

## 8 Values

Blanquerna-URL is rooted in the **humanistic and Christian tradition**. At the service of the person, it promotes the transformation of the world and favours dialogue and relationship among faith, culture and science.

## 9 Initiative

Blanquerna-URL exerceix un autèntic mestratge a l'hora de potenciar l'**autonomia**, l'**emprenedoria** i la **innovació**. A més, amb el treball de final de grau es pot accedir a programes que donen suport a projectes empresarials.

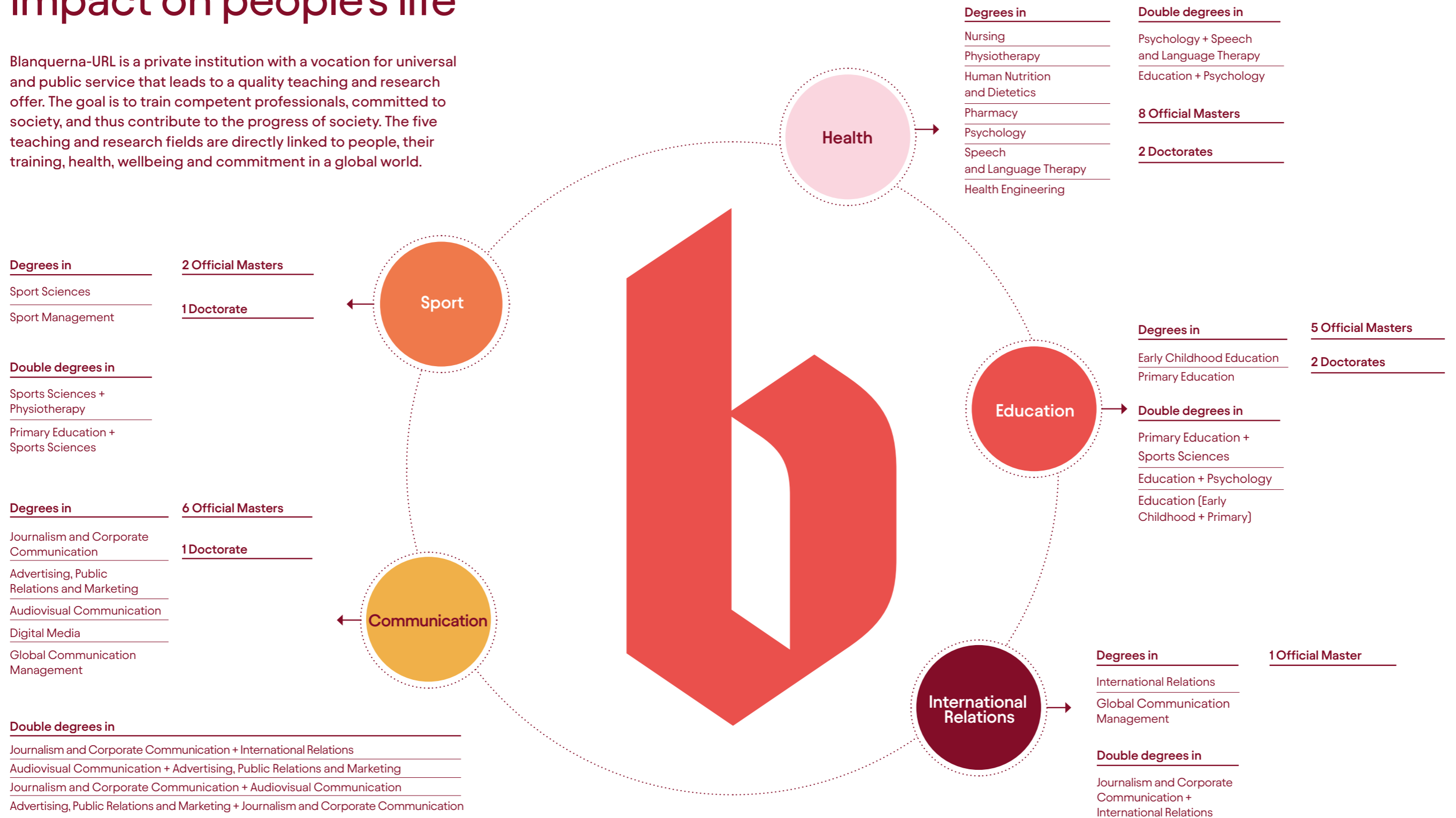
## 10 Technology

In Blanquerna-URL, technology is considered to be a learning tool; therefore, its use is required in the context of the profession. All the schools have **on time** technology.



# Five fields that have a direct impact on people's life

Blanquerna-URL is a private institution with a vocation for universal and public service that leads to a quality teaching and research offer. The goal is to train competent professionals, committed to society, and thus contribute to the progress of society. The five teaching and research fields are directly linked to people, their training, health, wellbeing and commitment in a global world.





# An urban campus



**FPCEE - School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences**  
C. del Císter, 34  
08022 Barcelona



**FCRI - School of Communication and International Relations**  
Plaça Joan Coromines s/n  
08001 Barcelona

**2.530 m<sup>2</sup>**  
in libraries

**265 m<sup>2</sup>**  
in editing and postproduction rooms, and sets

**762,2 m<sup>2</sup>**  
in IT and new technologies rooms

**272,81 m<sup>2</sup>**  
in cooking, biomechanics, science and health labs

## The three Blanquerna-URL schools and the Tamarita building

Blanquerna-URL consists of three schools: the School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences, the School of Health Sciences, and the School of Communication and International Relations, with a total area of 26,950 m<sup>2</sup>. The three schools are located in emblematic areas in Barcelona, with a desire to be integrated into the environment and blend in. Since 1997, Blanquerna-URL head office has been at Torre de la Tamarita (47, Sant Gervasi passage). The building hosts some services of the School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences and transversal areas of Blanquerna-URL.



**FCS - School of Health Sciences**  
C. Padilla 326  
08025 Barcelona



**General Services**  
Pg. Sant Gervasi 47  
08022 Barcelona



# School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences

Founded in 1948, **Blanquerna-URL School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences** was the first. It has, therefore, more than seventy years of experience. The studies offered have to do with the fields of psychology, education, sport and speech and language therapy, with six degree courses, five double degree courses, nine official master's courses, nineteen URL courses, four doctorate courses, and different continuous education studies.

## 6 Degrees

- Psychology
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Management

## 5 Double degrees in

- Psychology and Language and Speech Therapy
- Sport and Exercise Science and Physiotherapy
- Education and Psychology
- Primary Education and Sport and Exercise Science
- Primary Education and Psychology

## 19 Own degrees



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## 9 Official Masters

- Compulsory Secondary Education and Baccalaureate Teacher Training, Vocational Training and Language Teaching
- Leadership of Pedagogical Innovation and Management of Educational Centers
- Diversity Support and Inclusive Education
- Interuniversity Master degree in Educational Psychology
- Psychopedagogy
- Managing Sports Organizations and Projects (Sports Management)
- Sports Training and Injury Rehabilitation
- Work Psychology, Organizations and Human Resources
- General Health Psychology

## 4 Doctorates

- Interuniversity in Educational Psychology
- Education and Sport Science
- Psychology
- International programme in Applied Psychology: Adaptation and change in contemporary societies



At the doors of Collserola park, in a district transformed into a space for higher education and knowledge, as exemplified by the Science Museum, you can find the School's building. It was built in 1990, a period when Catalonia was living a renovation of educational architecture. The building has a total of 10,060 m2, together with the sport facilities of the Hospitalet Nord Municipal Sport Complex, thanks to an agreement with Hospitalet de Llobregat city council.

**3.350**  
students

**242**  
professors

**73**  
administration  
and services staff

**1.643**  
agreements with companies

**62**  
international  
university agreements

**9**  
research groups



# School of Health Sciences

**Blanquerna-URL School of Health Sciences**, located in the centre of Barcelona, between Hospital Sant Pau and Sagrada Família, was founded in 1992. Innovative in education in the field of health sciences, the School stands out for having updated curricula according to the new needs of this sector, and is fully integrated into the healthcare and business sectors. The studies offered have to do with the fields of nursing, physiotherapy, nutrition, and pharmacy, with five degree courses, four official master's courses, ten URL courses, one doctorate course and different continuous education studies.

## 5 Degrees

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Human Nutrition and Dietetics
- Pharmacy (with IQS)
- Health Engineering (with La Salle)

## 4 Official Masters

- Physical Therapy for Persons with Chronic Pathologies, Aging or Disability
- Physiotherapy Applied to Team Sports
- Child Physiotherapy
- Neurophysiotherapy

## 1 Double degrees in

- Sport and Exercise Science + Physiotherapy

## 1 Doctorates

- Health, Welfare and Bioethics

## 10 Own degrees



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Located in north Eixample, where the biggest modernist hospital complex was built in Barcelona at the beginning of the 20th century, the health campus is built in one of the old rooms of Quinta de Salut la Alianza hospital. The building has a total of 5,087 m<sup>2</sup>, together with 347 m<sup>2</sup> more in the Martí Codolar (Salesians) building thanks to an agreement signed in 2016-2017 and extended in 2017-2018.

**2.166**  
students

**131**  
professors

**31**  
administration  
and services staff

**1.012**  
agreements  
with companies

**57**  
international  
university agreements

**3**  
research group



# School of Communication and International Relations

Blanquerna-URL School of Communication and International Relations is the newest of the three schools that make up Blanquerna-URL. Totally integrated in the Ciutat Vella district, the School has all kinds of cutting-edge facilities (TV studios, radio broadcast rooms, digital editing rooms, etc.) and classrooms with leading technology in the field of communication. The school offers six degree courses, four double degree courses, eight official master's courses, eight URL courses, a doctorate course, and different continuous education studies.

## 6 Degrees

- Journalism and Corporate Communication
- Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing
- Audiovisual Communication
- Digital Media
- International Relations
- Global Communication Management

## 4 Double degrees in

- Journalism and Corporate Communication + International Relations
- Audiovisual Communication + Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing
- Journalism and Corporate Communication + Audiovisual Communication
- Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing + Journalism and Corporate Communication

## 8 Official Masters

- Art Direction in Advertising
- Advertising Strategy and Creativity
- Film and Television Fiction. Production, Screenplay and Direction
- Cultural Production and Communication
- Political and Social Communication
- Advanced Journalism. Reporting
- International Journalism
- Advanced Studies in International Affairs

## 1 Doctorates

- Communication

## 8 Own degrees



+ info



The School is surrounded by some of the most important cultural settings in the city, such as CCCB and MACBA museums, as well as historical landmarks such as Casa de la Misericòrdia and Convent dels Àngels. Visually ground-breaking in the district where it is located, the school's building closes and defines Joan Corominas square. The Library-Media Centre is a glass box that allows users to enjoy natural light, and includes an auditorium for more than 200 people, a TV studio, and all the equipment needed for research and innovation in the field of communication. The use of the new space at 77 Tallers Street, has been consolidated as the head office for the Research Institute in Communication and International Relations. The three buildings have a total of 10,209 m<sup>2</sup>.

1.628  
students

198  
professors

40  
administration  
and services staff

1.719  
practice agreements

64  
international  
university agreements

5  
research group



# International Dimension

## 153

International agreements with universities

## 39

Countries

20

### North America

Mexico	6
USA	13
Canada	1

2

### Africa

Egypt	1
South Africa	1

98

### Europa

Portugal	13	Poland	2
France	12	Denmark	4
Belgium	13	Norway	3
Switzerland	6	Sweden	2
Netherlands	6	Finland	4
Italy	19	Austria	1
Germany	6	Croatia	1
Greece	3	Lithuania	1
		Romania	2

11

### Asia

China	5
Thailand	1
Taiwan	1
South Korea	1
Lebanon	1
Turkey	2

1

### Central America

Costa Rica	1
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18

### South America

Chile	3
Argentina	7
Brasil	2
Colombia	2
Venezuela	1
Uruguay	2
Peru	1

3

### Oceania

Australia	2
New Zealand	1

\* One university can have a specific agreement with each one of Blanquerna's schools.

## Classification of Blanquerna-URL in different national and international rankings



### QS World University Rankings by Subject (2022)

The University Ramon Llull (URL) figure among the best universities in the world at the surveys Psychology (301-400 in the world, 5th position at Spanish level and 3rd place at Catalan level), Education (401-500 in the world), Social Sciences (401-500 in the world), and Clinical and Health (601-800 in the world).



### Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022 del Rànquing de Shanghai

The URL classifies at the fields of Business Administration (rank 76-100 in the world and 1st of the State), Management (rank 101-150 in the world and 1st position of the State and Physics (rank 401-500 world) and, at this edition, sum two new fields: Public Administration (rank 51-75 world and 1st of Spain) and Psychology (rank 401-500 world).



### World University Rankings 2023

The University Ramon Llull (URL) has classified at the World University Rankings of the magazine Times Higher Education (THE) at the rank 501-600 in the world. Besides, the University situates at the 7th position of Spain and at the 4th of the Catalan university system. It has excelled at the field of the citations at scientific publications (83,6 points on 100) and at the international dimension.



### CYD Ranking (2022)

The URL has positioned at the Top10 of universities with a main performance of the State and the 4th of the Catalan university system.



### U-Multirank (2022)

The URL situates at the 59th position of Europe, at the 5th of the State and at the 4th of Catalonia. It excels at the dimension of international orientation and the dimension of contribution at the regional development.



### U-Ranking (2022)

The URL positions at the first band of the universities with better educational performance of the State and at the 4th band of better universities of the State.



### THE Young University Rankings (2022)

The URL has situated at the world 121st position, at the European 62nd position and at the 2nd Spanish position.





15

research groups recognised by the Generalitat of Catalonia

6

doctorate programmes

4

research institutes  
• Institute of Psychology  
• Institute of Education  
• Institute of Sport  
• Institute of Communication and International Relations



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

The European Commission has acknowledged Blanquerna with the HRS4R award, which defines the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers.



# Research

## An essential function of university and one of the foundations of teaching

The 2021-2026 Blanquerna-URL Strategic Plan presents a strategic path that refers to applied research and knowledge transfer, with the main goal of "being a reference through our contribution with high added value to the different sectors connected to our fields of knowledge". Research is an essential function of university and one of the foundations of teaching.

In Blanquerna-URL, we give priority to research with social impact, that is, research that contributes to improve society with economic, social and cultural benefits that help go further and improve in the fields of our expertise: health, education, sport, communication and international relations. The activity of our researchers is organised around the research groups at the three schools and the four research institutes created to promote and encourage quality research projects.

# Indexed Publications



Blanquerna-URL School of Psychology, Education and Sport Sciences

315

publications with WOS (Web of Science) impact factor [corresponding to 2021]



Blanquerna-URL School of Communication and International Relations

30

books [corresponding to 2021-22]



Blanquerna-URL School of Health Sciences

10

doctoral theses [corresponding to 2021-22]





“”  
 Estima el teu ofici, la teva vocació,  
 la teva estrella, allò pel que serveixes,  
 allò en què realment ets un entre els homes.

Joan Maragall

## Alumni and employability

### Accompaniment into the profession

The objective of the **Area Alumni** is to work so that the relationship established when students start their studies does not end after their course, but is kept and enlarged to the other students, new and old. In the Area Alumni, an outstanding service is the **employment bureau**, which helps former students in their first employment and throughout their professional life. Former students have the Alumni website at their disposal, a virtual space to meet, publicise activities, and exchange and present professional opportunities, quite often among the students themselves.

The **Area Alumni** in the world. Blanquerna-URL School of Communication and International Relations has created chapters of Alumni, with active groups in New York, London, Paris, Caracas, Hong Kong and Madrid, among other cities. The Blanquerna employability services carry out periodical surveys among graduates throughout the year after their graduation. According to the 2020 survey carried out by AQU (University Quality Agency of Catalonia), with students who finished their degree course in 2016 (with three years of employability), employment in specific jobs concerning the studies completed is 94.06%.

90,96%

Employment rate of students a year after graduation  
 (Blanquerna Survey)

94,6%

Specific employment concerning studies completed  
 (AQU Survey)

## Scholarships and grants for students

Blanquerna-URL helps students to have access to first-year studies by granting them financial help, which comes from the operating budget of the organization. This help is carried out through an 18%-20% discount in monthly instalments in relation to the total fee for the academic year. It can be renewed provided that students pass 80% of credits enrolled of the previous course, and is also compatible with other public grants, such as those by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Professional Training.

This fund is also used to pay for extracurricular external internships, as well as trainee research staff and those students with a situation of difficulty during the year, regardless of their academic year. There are also scholarships for academic excellence, that suppose an 80% discount in registration and tuition fees. In this section, other discounts are also noteworthy, such as those due to qualifications with honours achieved by students. **For this academic year 2022-23, the institution allocates the same resources to help all students to begin or continue studies at Blanquerna-URL.**

862.058 €

of financial help in social grants  
 (corresponding to 2021-22)

315.750 €

in scholarships for academic excellence  
 (corresponding to 2021-22)

512.396 €

in discounts for qualifications with honours  
 (corresponding to 2021-22)

330.723 €

in extracurricular external internships and trainee research staff  
 (corresponding to 2021-22)





The URL is a private university with a social initiative that receives no subsidies or public support for its recognised university courses. It is recognised as a Campus of International Excellence and is part of the Aristos Campus Mundus project with the universities of Deusto and Comillas.



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Aristos  
Campus  
Mundus

Campus  
Excel·lència  
Internacional