

Results of the Call for Proposals

“Universidad de los Andes & University of Auckland Public Engagement with Research Fund”

Santiago, October 23, 2025

Dear Researchers,

We are pleased to announce the completion of the evaluation and selection process for the “Universidad de los Andes & University of Auckland Public Engagement with Research Fund.” A total of ten proposals were admitted for evaluation; five were pre-selected based on their GREF application and then reviewed by two independent experts: a subject-matter technical reviewer and an international specialist in Public Engagement.

Based on the evaluation results and the budget available, funding has been awarded to the two highest-scoring proposals among those that were technically qualified. It is worth noting that all five pre-selected proposals were technically qualified, reflecting the overall strength and quality of the submissions.

Awarded projects:

CODE	PROJECT TITLE	DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	FINAL SCORE
BiCI25UaO-12	Miradas Profundas: Co-Creating Bidirectional Virtual Reality Networks to Enhance Psychological, Spiritual, and Physical Well-Being in Palliative Care Patients.	María Fernanda Cerda	Lysa Reynolds	4,57
BiCI25UaO-3	Bridging Worlds: The Role of Indigenous Literature in Children's Empathy Development.	Pelusa Orellana	Rebecca Jesson	4,34

Technically qualified, not funded:

CODE	PROJECT TITLE	DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	FINAL SCORE
BiCI25UaO-17	Understanding the implementation gap: A public engagement approach to explore barriers to the clinical integration of psychoneuroimmunology-based strategies in breast cancer care	Aarón Cortés	Elizabeth Broadbent	4,23

BiCi25UaO-16	Contributing to the sustainable development of rural towns: amplifying voices in planning governance	Cynnamon Dobbs	Gabriela Baron	4,10
BiCi25UaO-9	StrongStart: A school-based adaptation of the US ACEs Aware initiative to promote positive childhood experiences (PCEs) in vulnerable school communities in Chile	Bernardita Tornero	Janet Fanslow	4,04

In the coming days, the Innovation Office will contact the directors of all submitted proposals to provide detailed evaluations, reviewer feedback, and—where applicable—the conditions for funding award.

Sincerely,



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