BACKGROUND

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile was founded in 1888. It has been awarded the highest number of years of accreditation by the National Council of Accreditation. This year (2023), it has been placed 1st in Chile and 103rd in the world by the QS World University Rankings®.

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile is committed to constructing an inclusive, diverse, and fraternal community and promoting the development of both women and men’s academic careers.

The University’s undergraduate program in sociology began in 1959, with the Institute of Sociology (ISUC) being founded in 1971. At the undergraduate level, the Institute offers a Bachelor’s Degree program in Sociology, which awards the professional title of Sociologist. At the postgraduate level, it offers a doctoral program and a master’s program.

Nowadays, ISUC enjoys great recognition as a leading institution in its discipline. According to the 2023 QS Ranking, ISUC stands at number 59 worldwide, 4 in Latin America, and 1 in Chile. This achievement is the fruit of the intense work that ISUC and its faculty carry out to improve its academic productivity indicators. Numerous publications, research projects, international research networks, and the successful integration of its graduates into the labor market have granted the Institute its present standing.

ISUC’s faculty cover a variety of topics in their research and teaching. At ISUC, professors work on a range of issues including inequality, social stratification, health, aging, social movements, public opinion, the environment, crime, ethnicity, food, and time. Faculty members conduct part of their research alongside interdisciplinary teams from institutions such as the Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES), the Center for Intercultural and Indigenous Research (CIIR), the Research Center for the Integral Management of Natural Disasters (CIGIDEN), the Millennium Institute for Research in Violence and Democracy (VIODEMOS), the Center for the Study of the Elderly and Aging (CEVE-UC), the Justice and Society Research Center (CJS), and the Millennium Institute for Caregiving Research (MICARE).
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute of Sociology of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile invites applications for two full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor positions. Requirements for both vacancies (positions A and B) are detailed below.

POSITION A: ACADEMIC WITH EXPERIENCE IN QUALITATIVE METHODOLOGIES

The Institute seeks an academic who conducts empirical qualitative research and who is prepared to teach qualitative methodology classes at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The vacancy is thematically open to candidates who study a variety of sociological fields.

POSITION B: ACADEMIC WITH EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH (OPEN, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS, COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE, AND SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME/CRIMINOLOGY)

The Institute seeks an academic whose research and teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels covers relevant areas of sociology. The vacancy is open to all areas of sociology, with no restrictions on methodological approaches. However, the Institute is especially interested in candidates who work in the fields of economic sociology, social network analysis, computational social science, and sociology of crime or criminology.

Aspects common to both positions

Successful applicants must demonstrate experience and excellence in teaching and research, including publications in relevant peer-reviewed journals, an affinity for teamwork, and organizational skills that allow them to conduct administrative and scientific communication tasks.

The institute will prioritize applicants whose interests and qualifications equip them to teach social theory at the undergraduate level.

Professors joining ISUC must teach, conduct research, fulfill academic administration tasks, and engage in outreach activities. Teaching load consists of three semester-length courses a year (undergraduate and graduate level) and participation in committees guiding Master’s and Doctoral theses. Research requirements include both regular publications in indexed journals and other outlets and participation in competitively funded projects. Administrative tasks may range from regularly participating in academic committees to potentially chairing the Institute.

This call is open to Chilean and foreign candidates alike. Foreign candidates must be proficient in Spanish at the time of their application and are expected to be fluent within one year at ISUC.

Foreign candidates with no permanent residency in Chile or applying from abroad, if granted the position, will need to apply for a visa in their home country in order to join the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

The University provides a first-year settlement fund for new professors.
Availability: the selected applicants must report for duty in March 2024.
Successful applicants will work at the University’s San Joaquin Campus (Santiago, Chile).

**Documentation and procedures**

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- A letter of interest indicating:
  - Current research agenda and a research project for the next 5 years.
  - A teaching proposal, including a brief description of classes that the candidate would like to teach at the undergraduate level (including a possible required class) and at the graduate level.
  - Reasons for selecting ISUC as a venue for their scientific and professional development.
  - Maximum length: 2,000 words.
- Full curriculum vitae.
- A dossier including syllabi for classes taught and teaching evaluations covering the last three years (if available).
- A copy of the candidate’s most important publication in terms of influence and impact, either an academic journal article, book, or article manuscript.
- Two recommendation letters (which cannot be written by ISUC faculty members). Referees (not applicants) must submit their letters directly to isuc@uc.cl.
- Copies of certificates, titles, and academic degrees, including the official Doctorate or PhD degree certificate (applicants must have already received this degree by the time of their incorporation).
- If available, a copy of the teaching evaluations received at this or other institutions.

Any queries about this call for applications should be submitted to Prof. Nicolás Somma (nsomma@uc.cl).

Applicants must submit all the required information to isuc@uc.cl by October 31, 2023. To specify which of the two positions you are applying for, please use either **[ISUC Call for Applications “A” (qualitative methodologies)]** or **[ISUC Call for Applications “B” (economic, network, computational, crime)]** as your subject line.