

# LAUREATE

## Latin American Undergraduate Research Semester

For International Students in engineering and architecture

Spend One Semester at a Leading University in Bolivia  
February-June or August-December

Ideally for those students who have completed at least four semesters of university level studies in engineering or architecture.

### Costs & Budget

- The cost of living in Cochabamba is relatively low. A well-furnished private studios can cost anywhere between \$150-250 per month.
- A meal at a reasonably priced restaurant can cost from \$3 to \$5. The travel within a town can cost \$15-\$20 per month.
- Depending on how you live, the budget for a month can be between \$300 to \$600

### Buddy System & Collection from the airport

Each participant will be assigned one or two student buddies to collect you from the local airport, as well as help you in your early days.

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This is a one semester program, usually of 20 weeks: Beginning early February to end of June, or beginning early August to mid- December.

### Research Centers at the University

- Industrial Processes Research Center
- Optical and Energy Research Center
- Center for Agriculture and Agro-industrial Research
- New Information and Computer Technologies Research
- Center for the Generation of Information and statistics
- Research Center on Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Research Center on Architecture and Urbanism
- Institute for Computational Intelligence
- Laboratory for Radio communication
- Phytochemical Research Center
- Technological Innovation and Robotics



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## Features

- Conduct research in mutually interested areas
- Take a couple of in-class or independent study courses
- Travel to beautiful touristic places
- Opportunity to learn and improve your Spanish
- Anon-credit certificate in Spanish language
- Preference to admissions to ISEP and partner university students
- No tuition for ISEP and partner university students
- Freemovers are welcome to apply

## Benefits

**Improvement of your research, leadership, teamwork, intercultural, and language skills, for better career prospects**

## About Our University and Cochabamba City

Universidad Privada Boliviana (UPB) is a leading QS IV Star university in Bolivia. The university is ranked as # one in Bolivia in International rankings.

The university has three modern campuses in major cities of Cochabamba, La Paz and Santa Cruz. This program is conceived and delivered in Cochabamba campus only.

Cochabamba with a population of around a million people is considered to enjoy spring climate throughout the year. The city is relatively safe with low cost of living.



## Program

**This is a unique 20-week research program offered entirely in English or in Spanish in conjunction with the Bolivian professors, many of whom have studied internationally. International students will share the same labs and classrooms as local students for effective cultural exchange.**

All students may study one or two courses, in- class or independently with supervision in English or in Spanish. During the semester you may travel around Bolivia to enjoy its beauty.

## Elegibility

Students nominated by ISEP and partner universities are given priority admissions. It will be useful though, if you have completed at least four semesters of university level undergraduate studies in engineering or architecture. Freemovers are welcome to apply by paying normal university tuition and fees.

## Tuition and Fees

- There will be NO tuition for the ISEP affiliated university students and for the partner university students.
- Freemover students pay normal university tuition and fees.
- Students may also be require to pay some symbolic fees for ID card or membership for sport clubs or similar activities.

## Applications deadline

For the (February-June) semester

**Deadline is October 31**

For the (August-December) semester

**Deadline is April 30**

Late applications are accepted, if the places are still available

## Accommodation

The university does not have a campus accommodation. We would recommend you to come and stay in a hotel for a couple of days. Your student buddies will help you find a private accommodation. At this point of time, it is very easy to find a private accommodation for students.

## Credits & academic system

You can receive 6 credits for a research project. If you complement your research with taking courses, each course will be worth three credits (normally, though not always). Each three-credit course corresponds to 48 hours of class-room interaction plus 48 hours of homework. Grading marks are from 0-100. For passing a course you need 60 marks. The semester is divided into four quarters of 5-week each.