**Society & Business**

**Social Council**

The Social Council is the university governing body that ensures the community is involved with the University. Through its members, the Social Council represents the different social interests of Granada and the University Community.

- Social Council of the UGR
- Areas of responsibility of the Social Council

**University Business Foundation**

The Business Foundation of the Universidad de Granada is a private not-for-profit entity created to promote knowledge and communication between the university and business world.

The entity, which has been active since 1989, counts the following bodies and organisations among its members: the Universidad de Granada, the Employers' Confederation of Granada and the Commercial, Industrial and Maritime Chambers of Granada and Motril, which allow the necessary links to be forged between the university and business world.

The Foundation therefore acts as an entity at the service of the University and the companies, operating in three different areas: innovation, training and employment.

- University Business Foundation of the Universidad de Granada
- Commissioner for the General Foundation of the Universidad de Granada

**Research Transfer Office**

The OTRI (Research Result Transfer Office) is the unit responsible for promoting, fostering and distributing the research results produced by research groups at the Universidad de Granada. Founded in 1989, it is organically integrated into the Vice-Rector's Office for Scientific Policy and Research and has been recognised by the Ministry for Innovation, Science and Business as an Agent of the Andalusian Information System to promote the relationship between Research, Innovation and Business.

- Research Transfer Office
- Services to companies and institutions
- Promoting research
- Protecting the results of research
- Creation of knowledge-based companies
- R+D contracts and agreements
- Collaborative R+D projects

**Health Science Technological Park**

The Health Science Technological Park is an excellent reference area for the creation, establishment and expansion of institutions and companies that turn knowledge into economic and social development, particularly in the Pharmaceutical, Bio-health, Healthcare and Food Industry sectors, which makes it the first in Spain and one of only a few in the world specialising in Health. The faculties of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry, in addition to the University Health Sciences School, are integrated into this environment. More information

- Vice-Rector's Office for the collaborative R+D Health Science Technological Park
- Companies and associations in the HTP
- HTP Foundation
- Biomedical Research Centre

**Communications office**

One of the tasks of the Communications Office of the Universidad de Granada is to encourage a flexible relationship between the university institution and the media, while using the Internet to distribute the scientific findings of the latest research projects carried out at our University internationally.

It also provides information to the media and news agencies about the international cooperation programmes aimed at EU countries and other more disadvantaged geographic areas (the Maghreb, Latin America etc.).

Another of the priorities of the Communications office is to provide information about and publicise cultural activities. The office is committed to providing a high-quality service to the University and the community that sustains it.

**Institutional relations and protocol office**

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The Institutional Relations and Protocol Office performs the necessary actions (coordination, advising and assistance) to ensure the University's contact with the various institutions remains appropriate at all times. It also performs all the activities associated with organising institutional events.

**Employment and work placement office**

The task of the Employment and work placement office of the Universidad de Granada is to forge more and closer links between the University and Society in the area of employment, facilitating a mutual knowledge of the requirements, needs and potential connections of the parties involved. Our internal users are therefore students, university graduates and lecturers and researchers who are responsible for practical training for their students and employment for recent graduates, as well as other University departments that have similar areas of responsibility to ours.

Our external users are companies, public entities, professionals and employers in general who may require our services at any time.

**Open Centre for Lifelong Learning**

The Open Centre for Lifelong Learning is an initiative of the Universidad de Granada launched during the 1994/95 academic year in order to meet the educational needs of people over the age of 50, who are entitled to enrol at the University without having to comply with any requirement other than the age criterion.