

# Editorial

**A**s we are used to in Colombia, Colciencias carries out every couple of years its process of recognition and measurement of research groups at a national level, which in the last versions has also recognized and categorized the researchers attached to the National System of Science, Technology (SNCTel). At the beginning of September, the preliminary results of this call, which began in November 2018, were known. After their discussion and correction according to the requests of the academic and scientific community, the final results were published on December 6 of this year.

For the Universidad Distrital, these results show continuous growth and strengthening of its research axis, in great part thanks to the financing product of the stamp tax, and on the other hand, the new policies impelled by the Center of Research and Scientific Development (CIDC). This growth is reflected in an increase in research groups categorized as A1, from 12 to 17 in the latter measure (due to an increase in the category of groups A, B, and C). There was also an increase in category A groups (the number remained at 23, meaning that groups A that moved up to A1 were replaced by others in lower categories), and category B groups went from 16 to 24. The number of groups categorized in the Faculty of Science and Education and the Faculty of Engineering stand out in the distribution. Also notable is the increase in professors categorized as Emeritus and Senior Researchers.

According to CIDC data, this increase in research has also been reflected in the students, since the number of research seedlings has increased in the last two years (the same window used by Colciencias) from 238 to 271. In the Technological Faculty, it has a particular commitment with the expansion of its headquarters, spaces that project 55 laboratories, specialized research rooms, and a library.

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