

EDITORIAL

FREE UNIVERSITY, AN INSTITUTION SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

The concept of responsibility is known from Greek antiquity. According to the Royal Spanish Academy, it is the commitment or moral obligation arising from the possible mistake made by an individual in a specific topic. This concept is also used to refer to the obligation to respond to an event. In the legal field it is considered responsible for any damage if there is a foul and if the person could act otherwise; however, today the concept has a broader responsibility as claimed infringement exist even without taking into account principles such as solidarity, security and risk.

There are multiple functions that the university: develops scientific, social, economic, ethical and political values; however, the discourse is always articulated with its social function. This service to society, has varied according to historical circumstances existing at the time. Not the same teaching in medieval universities, the Napoleonic court or Humboldt, that university education in contemporary times; in the case of Latin America they have explicitly expressed his social commitment and have legitimized as one of its core functions.

From Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum, and since the founding of the first European universities (Bologna, Padua, Paris), the building blocks of higher educational institutions have been structured based on two axes:

1. The cultivation of knowledge, with all the scientific and methodological requirements that accompany it; Y
2. The service to society, as a result of the acceptance of certain general needs of society require knowledge to be solved and that knowledge can provide educational institutions.

This way you can see how through history the fate of the university is woven into the fabric of the social fabric, contributing to solving social problems through dialogue and cooperation with other social, economic, cultural and political institutions.

The Free University is an institution of higher education private, created in 1923 by General Benjamin Herrera, with its headquarters in Bogota, the capital. remains today a multi-campus institution with offices strategically located in the cities of Cali, Pereira, Barranquilla, Cúcuta, Socorro and Cartagena, he has been aware of the social role and impacts generated. In fact, their commitment to the training of professionals with this hallmark is expressed in the Decalogue of good Unilibrista, drafted by the National Governing Nicolas Zuleta Hincapie (2014). Which fully reflects the idiosyncrasies of the institution.

All humanity, aware of its historical responsibility, from time immemorial, has been offering opportunities for people to grow and develop, and create environments of peace and harmony, this process has grown the formation of peoples with their current identity and its various cultural and ethical values. The University is, par excellence, that space is the stage for the construction and progress of the civilizing ideals of modern societies. In

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this context, the Free University is a school that thrives on such ecumenical principles, dedicated entirely to the training of men and women working to build a more just, inclusive and participatory society. A good Unilibrista be characterized as in every act of his life a person who is oriented and promote the following minimum principles: humanistic, honest, tolerant, fair, discreet, caring, creative, leader, critical, ethical. A good Unilibrista must be a person of integrity who works tirelessly to build and build a better human being with high professional skills, which enhances the corporate image with these values.

A university management approach inspired by the Social Responsibility, should affect administrative decisions that impact on the environment and working conditions (institutional impact) and external implications of any academic teaching and research activities (social impact).

Thus the Free University, from the cognitive impact produces knowledge from their research groups, which have become a benchmark for the regions where its leeway.

An instrument that makes visible this regard are its publications; in the particular case of this publication presents the results about investigations, in particular drawing this issue with a series of articles from the perspective of social responsibility through different perspectives, we trust to constitute an international reference for the progress of investigations that promote sustainable development of mankind.

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