Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Santiago, Chile
http://www.uc.cl/en

Facts
- Language of instruction: Spanish
- Number of students enrolled: 27,000
- Number of campuses: 5
- Academic year: August – July
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: March – July

Nottingham students who wish to study at PUC Chile must be studying the Spanish language to an advanced level as part of their degree programme.

Location
PUC is considered to be one of the most important universities in Chile with four of its campuses situated in Santiago, the capital and largest city, located in the country’s central valley and one campus based in Villarrica, located in southern Chile. The San Jacquin campus is PUC’s largest campus with 63 buildings and 10 faculties.

Things to do
Santiago is a cosmopolitan city containing numerous libraries, museums, public parks, restaurants and night clubs, its location also offers opportunities such as hiking, mountain biking, surfing and swimming. The Lonely Planet guide lists some of its top attractions including: Museo de la Moda, La Chascona, Central Gabriela Mistral, Cerro San Cristobal.

Travel opportunities
Chile offers a mixture of urban and rural activities, the Mediterranean climate allows you the opportunity to enjoy outdoor life including visiting historical landmarks and beautiful landscapes, such as Atacam Desert Red rock canyons, The Andes and The Lakes District.
Top desintations: Museo Gustavo Le Paige and La Sabastiana, Rano Kau and Orongo Ceremonial Village.

According to the Lonely Planet guide, ‘Chile is an easy country to get around, with frequent bus and air connections’. Buses are ‘frequent, comfortable and reasonably priced’.

Climate
Due to its coastal location, Chile’s weather can be very varied and unpredictable. The coldest months are from June to August with lows of around 3°C on average and about 7 days of rainfall each month. The hottest months are from December to March with highs of around 30°C on average and one or two days of rain each month. Daylight hours are longest from December to January with 10 to 11 hours light each day, May to July sees the least amount of daylight with around 4 hours each day.

Finance 2018/19

Bursaries available:
- Santander Scholarships for Latin America exchanges: 5 scholarships of £1,000 each for students who will be studying for 3-12 months in Chile. If you are selected to study abroad at Chile, you will be sent further details of the Santander scheme and how to apply for it.
- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 18 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

The basic cost of living in Chile, including local and national public transportation, is much lower than that of the UK.

Accommodation
PUC does not offer student accommodation and is unable to arrange accommodation on behalf of students. Students must apply for accommodation independently. PUC provides links to a range of independent accommodation providers on their webpage however the accommodation options are not affiliated with PUC.

Further information
http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs/undergraduate-exchange-program

Application success rate:
2017/18 = 75%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)