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UNIVERSIDAD MICHOACANA SAN NICOLÁS DE HIDALGO

Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo is the oldest university in the Americas, and has its origins in the college founded in 1540 by Vasco de Quiroga in Pátzcuaro, the Colegio de San Nicolás Obispo. This school was originally founded to train priests and missionaries for work in Michoacán.

The school gained a royal seal and patronage in 1543. At the beginning the 19th century, the school became one of New Spain's main centers of learning and academia, producing scholars such as a Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, José Ma. Morelos and others who would have a role in the upcoming Mexican War of Independence. After the Mexican Revolution, the school was reorganized and renamed to the Universidad Michocana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, becoming the first mexican autonomus university. Nowadays, the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo is the most important university in the state of Michoacán. It has been rated among the Top 10 public universities in Mexico. In 2011, according to the INEGI census, the university had 55,546 regular students ([Morelia](#)).

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