

## INTERNATIONALIZATION

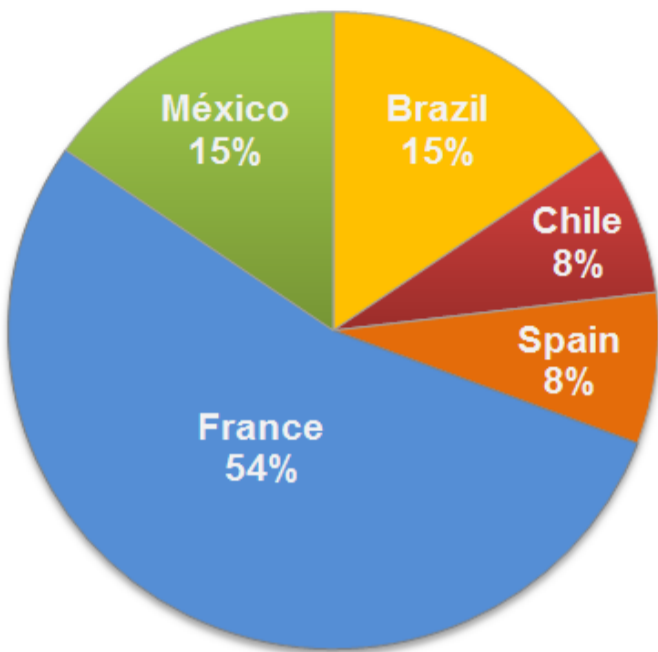
### Self-assessment (Factor 7) - Internationalization, strategic alliances and integration into global research networks

The Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education optimizes opportunities for multicultural understanding providing networking for knowledge exchange/transfer of research activities with international research councils and partner institutions. This strengthens doctoral students' and teachers' competitiveness, mobility and cooperation across a globalized world. This strategic direction seeks to support quality research development at an international level.

#### Exchange agreements

The Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education enhances high-quality research opportunities at the international level through 13 world-wide agreements with research councils in countries like France, Mexico, Brazil, Chile and Spain.

In the same line of thought, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas through its Centre for Interinstitutional Relations (CERI for its acronym in Spanish) supports the University's participation in international academic networks. There are currently 212 agreements with institutions in South America, North America, Europe and Asia.



#### Dual degrees and co-supervision

The Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education has awarded dual degrees to three doctoral students through current agreements with Bourgogne University and Lumière Lyon 2 (France). This has benefited the educational experiences of our doctoral students promoting better knowledge in a globalized environment and an important academic and job growth.

It is noteworthy that currently four of our doctoral students have international thesis co-supervision arrangements in three French universities and one Brazilian university.

#### International guest speakers and lecturers

From its inception, the Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education has played host to important well-known international conference speakers who are distinguished for their contributions to knowledge and society. In this way Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas offers reflection opportunities to its academic community.

The "Seminario Miradas en Educación" stands out for the permanent invitation of international conference speakers.



#### International cooperation networks

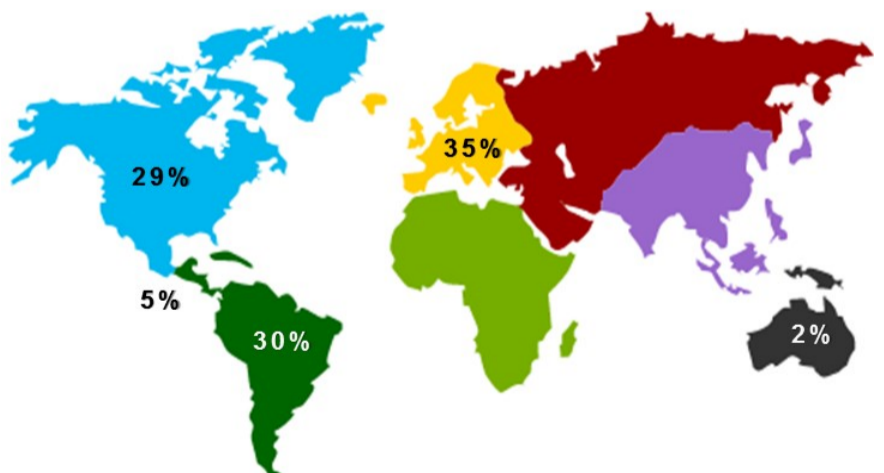
The members of the research groups that support the Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education are part of international cooperation networks like the Latin America Research Network in the Teaching of Science, the International Sociology Association, the Collaborative Action Research Network, the International Observatory of Violence in Schools, ALTERNATIVA Network, English Language Teaching Contacts Scheme (ELTeCS), International Centre for Education and Human Development (CINDE).

These networks provide an opportunity for teachers, doctoral students and graduates to interact in an academic atmosphere to (co)construct knowledge on varied topics of education in international environments.

#### Internships

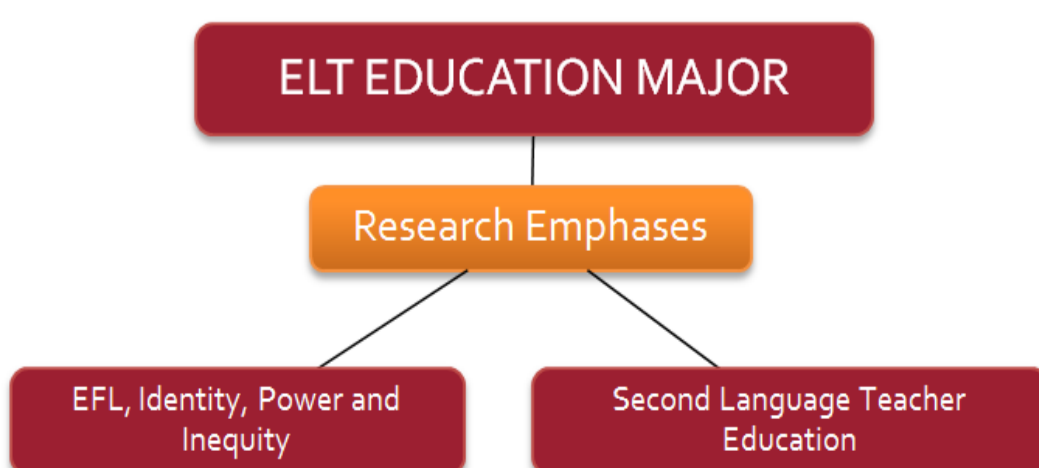
Our doctoral students have gained academic experience with internships in universities based in Europe, South America, North America, Central America and Australia.

These abroad internships have brought new research skills and perspectives to our doctoral students; the internships have become a pivotal experience.



#### New major

The Interinstitutional Doctoral Programme in Education at Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas has launched its new major in **ELT Education**. This major has two research emphases.



This new major seeks to support professional development at the doctoral level specifically addressing issues related to the teaching and learning of English. This will be a contribution to building knowledge based on appropriate conditions for researching in a globalized world.

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