



INSTITUTO FRANKLIN DE LA
UNIVERSIDAD DE ALCALÁ



INSTITUTO FRANKLIN-UAH

The Instituto Franklin-UAH is a center belonging to the Universidad de Alcalá, founded in 1987 to promote research on North America. It is the only University Research Institute on the United States in Spain and is funded through its doctoral programs, postgraduate studies, and specialized courses.

The Instituto Franklin-UAH focuses on developing new avenues of institutional collaboration between Spain and North America through specific initiatives primarily based on funding research projects, organizing international meetings and conferences, and developing academic programs for international students.

MISSION

The mission of the Instituto Franklin-UAH is to serve as a platform for communication, cooperation and union between Spain and North America, in order to promote mutual understanding.



HISTORY

1987 The President of the Universidad de Alcalá, Mr. Manuel Gala, founded the Centro de Estudios Norteamericanos (CENUAH).

2001 It became the Instituto Universitario de Estudios Norteamericanos, which represented both a recognition of the research conducted and a boost to the implementation of projects of major importance.

2009 The Institute included the name of Benjamin Franklin to its previous name.

2011 It established its Advisory Board.

2012 The Camino Real Award was established.

GOALS

To provide a forum for the analysis and dissemination of issues related to North America, especially on the United States, with an academic and social outreach.

To enhance cooperation with different North American institutions in different fields of knowledge, with particular attention to relationships with the Hispanic community in the United States.

To contribute to scientific progress by allocating funds for research projects and the training of new researchers.

To train researchers to develop their professional skills within a framework of academic excellence.



ORGANIZATION

The structure of the Institute is composed of the Academic Council, Advisory Council, researchers, professors, and staff.

Director PhD José Antonio Gurpegui

Academic Secretary PhD Esperanza Cerdá Redondo

Members:

PhD Julio Cañero	PhD Francisco Manuel Sáez de Adana Herrero
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ADVISORY BOARD

Its purpose is to promote the Institute's presence in Spanish society, as well as in Europe and America, while simultaneously serving as a reference body, consultation entity, and advisory board for all activities conducted within the Instituto Franklin-UAH.

President Mr. Antonio Vázquez Romero

Vice President Mr. Joaquín Ayuso García

Secretary Mr. José Antonio Gurpegui Palacios

Vocals

Mrs. Amalia Blanco Lucas
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THE CAMINO REAL AWARD

The Camino Real Award was established to recognize the professional work of Spaniards who prominently and exemplarily project and enhance the positive image of Spain in the United States.

The Advisory Board of the Institute selects the awardee.

The award is presented by His Majesty King Felipe VI at the Paraninfo of the Universidad de Alcalá.

- 1st Edition (2012)** Plácido Domingo
- 2nd Edition (2013)** Valentín Fuster
- 3rd Edition (2015)** Pau Gasol
- 4th Edition (2017)** Antonio Banderas
- 5th Edition (2022)** Rafael Nadal
- 6th Edition (2023)** Ana Fernández-Sesma



THE CAMINO REAL AWARD

The name Camino Real refers to the pathways used by Spaniards to reach the territories that are now part of the United States.

In the late 19th century, with California already a state in the Union, some sections of this Camino Real were marked by bells. Currently, there are 450 bells placed along the historic Camino Real of California.

The sculpture of the bell is designed by the Navarran sculptor Carlos Ciriza.

“The bell was the great symbol of having reached a safe harbor... A symbol of the Instituto Franklin-UAH... A symbol and reminder of the Spanish presence in the USA.”

Antonio Vázquez, member of the Advisory Board of the Instituto Franklin-UAH in 2012, currently President of the Advisory Board.



INSTITUTO FRANKLIN-UAH IN FIGURES

- Annual funding for new research projects: **€150,000**.
- **20** scholarships and grants awarded for research.
- **5 editorial lines** distributed in the United States and Spain.
- **12 lecturers sent to North American universities** as part of cooperation with U.S. universities.
 - **Over 600 international** students in our programs.
- **More than 20 agreements signed** with foreign universities.
 - Organization and participation in **over 30 international seminars and conferences** annually.
 - **3-4 doctoral theses** defended each year.
- **Over 100 annual collaborations** from our researchers in the press.



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