ORT has over 10,000 students (5% postgraduate, 61% undergraduate, 34% vocational programmes), and +15,000 alumni. We grant over 1,000 scholarships each year, and reached an average 97% of graduate job placements last year.

ORT employs over 1,400 academic staff including faculty, instructors and researchers, and over 240 administrative staff.

ORT was established in Uruguay in 1942 and is member of World ORT, a Jewish educational organisation originated in San Petersburg, Russia, in 1880. Starting as ORT Technical School in 1943, ORT developed into ORT Institute of Technology in 1976 and was formally recognised as University by the national authorities in 1996 (year of installation of the current legal framework for private universities in Uruguay). At present, is one of the largest private universities in Uruguay.

ORT provides a diverse range of degree programmes across four Schools and one Institute.
- School of Administration & Social Sciences [http://facs.ort.edu.uy/]
- School of Architecture [http://fa.ort.edu.uy/]
- School of Communication & Design [http://fcd.ort.edu.uy/]
- School of Engineering [http://fi.ort.edu.uy/]
- Institute of Education [http://ie.ort.edu.uy/]

Other centres, departments and units include:
- Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship CIE [http://cie.ort.edu.uy/]
- Centre for Executives’ Programmes & Training [http://facs.ort.edu.uy/ejecutivos]
- Centre for Teaching Development in Higher Education, CAES [http://ie.ort.edu.uy/caes]
- Centre for Languages [http://internacionales.ort.edu.uy/idomas]
- Australian Studies Centre, ASC [http://asc.ort.edu.uy/]
- Department of Jewish Studies [http://www.ort.edu.uy/departamento-de-estudios-judaicos]
- Department of Sport Activities [http://www.ort.edu.uy/la-universidad/actividades-deportivas]
- King Sejong Montevideo Institute [http://www.ort.edu.uy/centro-de-idiomas/aprender-coreano]
ORT’s inherent international dimension is sought as a means to enhance the quality of teaching, research and community outreach. Our international engagement includes over 165 international partnerships with academic institutions in 29 countries; collaborative teaching and research; participation in international networks, projects and programmes; promotion of student and staff mobility; visiting scholars programmes; Spanish as a Second Language programmes; and international short programmes in English (http://internacionales.ort.edu.uy/).

At an institutional level, ORT is member of major international associations such as the International Association of Universities (IAU) and the Unión de Universidades de América Latina (UDUAL). Individual schools are members of specific networks and associations.


The production, communication and transfer of knowledge are instrumental to the quality of ORT’s education and to the better understanding of today’s global problems. Through 12 major research groups (some formally constituted as research centres), its own Research Fund created in 2005, and numerous national and international grants received, ORT contributes towards the generation of basic and applied knowledge, often through joint projects with industry. Involvement of undergraduates in research is pursued through capstone projects addressing actual needs of companies and business, and research assistantship. Recently, ORT was awarded a major grant by the National Agency for Research & Innovation to establish a Bioprocesses Development Centre.

Academic staff includes over 160 PhD or Doctorate degrees holders, and a significant number of researchers being part of the National System of Researchers (http://www.ort.edu.uy/investigacion).

ORT strives to integrate innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit throughout its academic affairs. In 2001, together with the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU), it launched the first technology-based business incubator for entrepreneurs in the country, Ingenio, with the initial support from the Inter-American Development Bank (http://www.ingenio.org.uy/). ORT has cultivated a process for start-up’s development. The Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) trains and supports the new entrepreneurs, generating awareness and motivating young people to materialise their projects. Since its establishment in 2007, the CIE has supported the creation of 67 established start-ups, many of which have won awards and conquered international markets.

ORT promotes the internationalisation of its students through mobility programmes (i.e. Erasmus+, Mercosur’s MARCA and PMM), bilateral student exchange agreements with partner universities, Spanish for Foreigners, and English-taught international programmes. The Student Exchange Office was formally established in 2004 to manage and support incoming and outgoing non-degree seeking students. At present, it maintains bilateral student exchange agreements with over 80 higher institutions worldwide, and manages around 250 incoming and outgoing students each year (http://internacionales.ort.edu.uy/estudiantes-internacionales).

Researchers at ORT have received the Scopus Uruguay scientific research award. Students, graduates and staff have received numerous awards and recognitions.

Two campuses with over 25,000 sq. metres of facilities built. Teaching and research laboratories, Prototyping Lab, 3D Printing, design laboratories, project rooms, fully-equipped videoconferencing rooms, professional audiovisual production complex, auditoriums and seminar rooms equipped with multimedia technology, two libraries and a virtual library, advanced data network with over 1200 computers connected to the Internet (Internet 2, RedCLARA) with high-capacity optic fibre links, and full WiFi coverage.