

## Editorial



**Mural:** Caballo en disección. **Author:** Mario Orozco Rivera.  
**Location:** Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Veracruzana. **Photo:** Carlos Morales Morales.

The Universidad Veracruzana (UV) emerged within a stage of educational, economic, and scientific reforms that, since its foundation in 1944, marked it as the first institution of higher education in the state of Veracruz for the preparation of professionals in various disciplines of science and

art. In this way, its substantive function is focused on contributing to the academic, scientific, and cultural development of Mexico. From the beginning, the UV established itself as an entity that educates people with critical thinking and comprehensive vision. For instance, during these eight decades of art and culture, the UV managed to consolidate the Orquesta Sinfónica de Xalapa, the Editorial Directorate, the Museo de Antropología de Xalapa, and the Organización Teatral, all of them key in the dissemination of knowledge and the preservation of cultural heritage. Regarding scientific, technological, and humanistic research, the UV has achieved a significant impact in multiple disciplines through the generation of knowledge in strategic and priority areas for the state, collaboration with national and international institutions, and the development of innovative projects under the precepts of inclusion, social relevance, and educational equity. Thus, eighty years after its creation, the UV has become one of the most relevant higher education institutions in Mexico. It offers diverse educational programs in six areas of knowledge, combining face-to-face, hybrid, and virtual teaching to respond to contemporary needs. Its expansion has been such that its enrollment is almost 96 thousand students, which are distributed throughout the state in five university regions and four campuses of the Universidad Veracruzana Intercultural. It has an academic, administrative, manual, and technical community of 12 thousand people and about 1,040 members of the SNII and SNCA.

As part of the community, the Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia (FMVZ) joins the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the UV. The FMVZ of the UV, founded in 1957, responded to the need of cattle ranchers in the state of Veracruz to have specialists in the field of livestock since, at that time, this bachelor's degree was not offered in the state. To this end, the Regional Livestock Unions of the State contributed by donating the land where both the FMVZ and the Rancho Torreón del

Molino are currently located. Due to its trajectory and contributions to the agricultural sector, the FMVZ has positioned itself as a national and international benchmark in the preparation of veterinarians and zootechnicians. Currently, the FMVZ has an enrollment of almost 1,200 students, which are distributed in eight accredited undergraduate and graduate educational programs, eight academic bodies with PRODEP recognition, and 40 members of the SNII. In this way, the FMVZ has established itself as one of the faculties with the highest degree of academic and scientific qualification at the UV.

Thus, the FMVZ community celebrates the eight decades of the UV, and what better way to do so than by generating Supplement No. 4 "80th Anniversary of the Universidad Veracruzana", which is made up of 10 scientific papers and 5 technical notes, product of the daily work of its community, students and graduates, faculty, administrators, and technical and manual staff. In the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Universidad Veracruzana, the FMVZ community celebrates with this Supplement to project the UV as an institution of the future of Mexican higher education, with academic excellence, innovation, and social relevance.

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