UTN Facultad Regional Córdoba and Its Extension Office: Where Engineering Meets the Community

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The Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN) is Argentina's national engineering university, organised as a network of regional faculties across the country. Its Córdoba campus — the Facultad Regional Córdoba, or UTN-FRC — is one of the largest and best-known of these, training engineers in disciplines ranging from civil and mechanical to chemical, electronic and systems engineering. It is a public institution, and like the rest of UTN it has a strong practical orientation: the university was founded to serve industry, and that identity still shapes how the Córdoba faculty works.

That outward-facing mission is handled by a dedicated office, the Secretaría de Extensión Universitaria (SEU), whose portal at portalseu.frc.utn.edu.ar is the front door for anyone outside the lecture halls who wants to work with the faculty.

What the SEU does

The SEU describes its role as driving interaction between the faculty and society. In practice that means running the programs that connect students, graduates, local companies and the general public with the university's expertise. Its projects focus on identifying problems and ways to address them, and on creating new spaces for dialogue and knowledge exchange that have a positive impact on the community. utnutn

The office is organised into several areas, each with its own audience.

Trade and vocational training. A Formación de Oficios area was launched in 2022 to run active training policies that build job skills across industry, technology and services. The idea is to pair a solid theoretical base with hands-on practice, so that people can move into the labour market with credentials grounded in the real norms of each trade. utn

Community and distance education. The distance-learning area delivers courses and diploma programs online, combining technology, pedagogy and communication with a focus on academic quality, so that the wider society can study remotely. The portal's Centro de Formaciones lists what is currently open for enrolment. At the time of writing that includes an online course on groundwater flow with MODFLOW that counts toward a diploma in

hydroinformatics, an in-person Design Thinking workshop, and a free in-person workshop on professional development with AI applications — a fairly typical mix of technical, business and emerging-tech content. utnutn

Internships. The faculty runs an Educational Internship System regulated by Argentina's Law 26.427, coordinated by the SEU's internship area. These placements happen with public or private organisations that have signed an agreement with the faculty, and the terms are clearly defined: internships are paid, last between 2 and 18 months, and cap students at 20 hours a week and six hours a day. For companies, the program is a structured way to recruit young engineering talent; for students, it is usually their first professional experience. utnutn

Graduates and employment. The portal maintains an Oportunidades Laborales board with job openings shared with graduates and advanced students, and a Trabajá con Nosotros channel where graduates and senior students can apply to work on SEU projects or teach courses. The faculty also runs an annual graduate-tracking survey used for the accreditation of its engineering and postgraduate programs. Portal SEU – Secretaría de Extensión Universitaria – UTN-FRC – Secretaría de Extensión Universitaria – Facultad Regional Córdoba – Universidad Tecnológica Nacional +2

Support for small business. The Programa "Transformando PyMEs" is designed to give small and medium-sized enterprises tools, knowledge and strategies to strengthen their growth — a direct expression of UTN's industry-serving roots. utn

Entrepreneurship. Andén, the Centre for Innovation and Technological Entrepreneurship, is a tech-startup incubator created by the SEU with support from the Córdoba provincial government's Agencia Córdoba Joven. utn

Culture and outreach. The SEU's reach extends beyond the strictly professional. It hosts Room 101, a study group on science fiction that is open to anyone and explores the genre as a teaching tool and as a way to make science and technology more accessible. The faculty also runs its own radio station and organises TEDx UTN Córdoba. utn

A living calendar

The portal doubles as a news hub, and the recent feed gives a good picture of the faculty's rhythm: a trekking outing at Casa Bamba, a talk on engineering careers in the Vaca Muerta oil and gas basin, UTN Córdoba hosting the 2026 CAID competition on distributed intelligent architectures, a day on innovation and cultural data analysis, and a session in the "Engineers in Industry" series on going from chemical engineering to a cosmetics startup. Between the technical competitions, industry talks and community events, it reads like the calendar of an institution that treats the university as part of the city rather than apart from it. utn

Practical details

The SEU is located on the ground floor of the main building at Maestro M. López and Cruz Roja Argentina in Córdoba, open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 8 pm, and reachable on 351-5986016. Each area has its own contact: cursosdeoficios@frc.utn.edu.ar for trade

courses, educacionadistancia@frc.utn.edu.ar for distance learning, and pasantias@frc.utn.edu.ar for internships. The main faculty site is frc.utn.edu.ar. utnutn

Why it matters

Plenty of universities talk about community engagement; the UTN-FRC has built an entire office around it, with paid internships written into national law, vocational training for people who will never enrol in a degree, an incubator backed by the province and a business program aimed at local SMEs. For a prospective student, that is a signal about how the degree connects to a job. For a company in Córdoba, it is a standing invitation to collaborate.

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