

Chapter Reports

ACI UCSM Events “ACI SOMOS” campaign

On March 11-12, 2025, the ACI Universidad Católica de Santa María (UCSM) Student Chapter in Arequipa, Peru, carried out the “ACI SOMOS” campaign, an initiative aimed to promote student awareness and participation in ACI. This campaign sought to bring civil engineering students closer to opportunities offered by ACI, including certifications, competitions, technical events, and access to specialized materials. During the 2-day event, informational presentations, interactive activities, and guidance sessions were held to highlight the benefits of being part of an ACI student chapter. As part of the campaign, scholarships for specialized courses were awarded to outstanding students. The event was supported by the School of Civil Engineering and featured talks on concrete technology, where professionals shared their experiences and insights. Students also received guidance on how to participate in national and international ACI competitions. The “ACI SOMOS” campaign successfully attracted a large number of students interested in joining the ACI UCSM Student Chapter.



Students at the “ACI SOMOS” campaign event pictured with the ACI UCSM Student Chapter mascot



ACI UCSM Student Chapter members at the FRC Bowling Ball Competition



Students at the ACI UCSM Student Chapter recruitment event

FRC Bowling Ball Competition

Daniel Flores, Yassiert Umiyauri, Yhonatan Cruz, Fernando Benavente, Flor Lucana, Sebastián Cruz, and Edwin Montalvo represented the ACI UCSM Student Chapter at the Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (FRC) Bowling Ball Competition at the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2025 in Toronto, ON, Canada. This event brought together engineering students from around the world to test their technical and creative skills. After more than 3 months of intense preparation involving lab testing, material optimization, and prototype development, the team placed second in the competition.

“Palitos al Limite”

The ACI UCSM Student Chapter also ran the “Palitos al Limite” competition at UCSM. The main purpose of this competition was to foster creativity, technical skills, and teamwork among civil engineering and architecture students. Participants applied structural design principles to build a bridge capable of supporting significant loads, using limited materials such as wooden sticks and glue.

ACI UNC Monthly Update

The ACI Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca (UNC) Student Chapter in Cajamarca, Peru, carried out several activities during February and March 2025. These activities aimed to promote learning, research, and active participation among concrete and civil engineering students, strengthening their technical skills and promoting collaboration with other professionals and entities in the sector. As a part of this, the Student Chapter hosted the “Taller de Diseño de Puentes Losa con Mathcad” workshop. Engineer Guillermo Vásquez was the main speaker. ACI UNC also organized the Great ACI UNC Chicken Festival, a fundraising event for future fellowship meetings and research expenses that included food and fun activities.

The Student Chapter had the opportunity to travel to and participate in the Olimpiadas Internacionales BIM Cusco 2025 (OLIMPIABIM) at the Universidad Nacional de San

Antonio Abad del Cusco in Cuzco, Peru. At the event, Cinthia Ortiz Vasquez, Ana Izquierdo Ravines, Aracely Chalan Sanchez, Julio Gutierrez Campos, and Jocelyn Guadalupe Solano participated in the Performance Concrete Design, REVIT Estructuras, and REVIT Sanitarias Competitions.

During these months, the Student Chapter achieved several milestones, including a partnership between ACI UNC and Gramy Ingenieros and a partnership between ACI UNC and Pyramid Academy in Lima, Peru. The ACI UNC Student Chapter experienced significant growth in 2025 in participation and organization. These achievements reflect the joint effort of members and the UNI Student Chapter's management to strengthen learning and development.

ACI UNI News Awards and recognition

The ACI Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI) Student Chapter in Lima, Peru, was recognized as the best ACI Student Chapter at the National and Regional Level by the ACI Perú Chapter for its development of 18 published research papers, 13 academic events, awards from national and international competitions, and creation of many social events. In addition, the Student Chapter has been recognized as an ACI 2024 Outstanding Student Chapter for activities carried out in the previous year.

ACI UNI had the opportunity to travel to Toronto for the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2025 and compete against other student chapters from around the world in the FRC Bowling Ball Competition. After months of hard work and preparation, the team placed first in the event and was recognized for excellence in design and performance of their FRC bowling balls. Five members of the Chapter also participated in the national OLIMPIABIM Cusco 2025 competition against teams from 11 other universities. ACI UNI continued its winning streak by achieving overall first place.

Events

The ACI UNI Student Chapter developed a Repair and Reinforcement of Reinforced Concrete Structures Course with the aim of promoting research in the field of concrete technology. The course drew a total of 87 attendees, including students, technicians, and professionals. On April 23, ACI UNI conducted its first recruitment call for future members. The event attracted a large number of enthusiastic students interested in joining the Student Chapter. This marks a new step in the Student Chapter's ongoing growth and academic outreach. ACI UNI also participated in the Student Groups Fair organized by the Faculty of Civil Engineering at UNI, where members showcased the Student Chapter's mission, activities, and international achievements.



The ACI UNI Student Chapter received first place in the FRC Bowling Ball Competition



The ACI UNI Student Chapter was recognized as the best ACI Student Chapter at the National and Regional Level



ACI UNI Student Chapter members at OLIMPIABIM Cusco 2025