

THE JUAN IGNACIO MOLINA BUILDING

The CINV acknowledges that science can play a role in the socioeconomic rebirth of Valparaíso. Towards this aim, in addition to becoming a world-class center for neuroscience, the CINV also aims to move to the area of La Matriz in Valparaíso within the next few years. Integrating tradition, heritage, and excellence is part of the mission of the Universidad de Valparaíso, and is in line with having the CINV located at the heart of this historical area in Valparaíso.

This project seeks to recover and enhance the value of the Juan Ignacio Molina building, which is an emblematic real estate treasure in Valparaíso, located in an area declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. By situating the CINV in a modern and innovative building, we aim to prove that a highly complex infrastructure containing scientific laboratories can be located in one of the most culturally valuable and historical areas in the city.

This project will also include an interactive exhibition space, which will serve to bring science closer to children and youth in the region. It will also have an auditorium with a capacity of 200 people, to hold scientific seminars, as well as cultural and outreach activities for the general public.

Around 150 Chilean and foreign researchers, students, and staff will be housed in this new building, which will bring the scientific spotlight on the CINV in Chile.

Through this initiative, the new CINV building will be the focus of high-quality science development. It will also seek to disseminate the work carried out in the CINV to different types of audiences, including scholars, students, children, community organizations, etc.

The renovation of this building considers the restoration of its original façade while giving life to this space, years after being a Jesuit residence in the XVIIth century where the abbot, Juan Ignacio Molina lived, and which later housed the first Chilean bicameral Congress (in the XIXth century), among other historical events.



LOCATION

Barrio Puerto, Valparaíso

TOTAL SURFACE

4.800 m² (15.750 sq. meters)

PUBLIC ACCESS SPACE

Auditorium for 200 people
Exhibition hall
Meeting room

FINANCING

Universidad de Valparaíso • Ministerio de Obras
Públicas (*Ministry of Public Works*) • Gobierno Regional
de Valparaíso (*Regional Government of Valparaíso*) •
Subsecretaría de Desarrollo Regional (*Secretariat of
Regional Development*)