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Attitudes and perceptions towards the scientific search for extraterrestrial life among students of public and private universities in Peru

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Abstract

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The objective of this study was to identify attitudes towards the scientific search for extraterrestrial life among students from public and private universities in Peru. This research was inspired by similar studies, realized in Sweden, which used the same instrument adapting it to our reality. The process consisted of a survey of the Peruvian student population by targeting it in different regions of Peru. The sample consisted of 1237 students from different academic areas. The findings show that 92% of the students believe in the existence of life outside our planet, with differences between the subgroups surveyed. Copyright © The Author(s), 2020. Published by Cambridge University Press.

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