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We Empower Talent for Change



Fundación Educación –
Eine schweizerische Stiftung zur Ausbildungsförderung in Lateinamerika

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Dear donors and friends of Fundación Educación, dear scholars and alumni

Notwithstanding all turmoil, absurdities, and uncertainty in our world, we can look back on a remarkable year for Fundación Educación! A year where we – once again – reached many milestones and built the basis to reach many more milestones in the future!

All of this is owed to the spirit of our «Gran Familia Fundación Educación»: We set ourselves ambitious goals, we celebrate milestones, yet we also celebrate mistakes and learn from them, we build up on our team and its strengths and try to capture the momentum. Yet above all: we are excited about the future and about exploring the opportunities it will bring. In a nutshell: we always look and move ahead!

2025: another remarkable year!

Last year, as we celebrated our 30-year anniversary, we surpassed more than 1,600 scholarships, and meanwhile over 1,450 Alumni have become successful professionals. We increased our financial base, allowing for further growth. Yet most importantly, we also strengthened our teams both in Switzerland and in our five countries and are now even better prepared to transform many more lives of young talents in Latin America.

Without any doubt, one of our great «highlights» of 2025 was our strategy workshop in Medellín where representatives of our Foundation Board, all our Local Committees, our Academic Institutions and selected Scholars and Alumni from all our countries were present.

This meeting of various days was extremely inspirational and strengthened the relationships among the members of our «Gran

Familia Fundación Educación». Most importantly, and thanks to the track record we've built up over these last decades, we also raised our ambitions: Our «Vision 2035» is that in the years to come we strive to become:

«One of the most renowned Scholarship Programs to Foster Young Talents in Latin America»!

To this end, building on the work done in Medellín and our shared sense of motivation, we have set ambitious goals and agreed on concrete measures for the new strategic period under «Vision 2035». Therefore, our **first muchísimas gracias** goes to every member of our great team. It is thanks to your passion, determination, and teamwork that we have made and will continue to make dreams of so many young people come true – one after another!

International Swiss Talent Forum (ISTF)

Once again in 2025, three of our exceptionally talented scholars (from Costa Rica, El Salvador & Perú) were selected to participate at the ISTF 2025, in Murten, organized by «Schweizer Jugend forscht».

At the conclusion of this gathering of talents from all over the world, we took the opportunity to invite Strategic Partners & Donors to a Taco Night at «El Luchador» in Zurich to meet our scholars. This event was a huge success – a get-together with the distinct Latin-American flavor of easy conversation, fun and good food. Thank you for sharing this wonderful moment with us!

Passing on the leadership – new country responsables for El Salvador & Guatemala

As the saying goes: «Structure follows Strategy».

Therefore, one of the many results of the workshop in Medellín was that I should focus on the strategic development of our foundation and pass on the operational responsibility of the chapters of El Salvador & Guatemala to new members of our Foundation

Board. After a thorough search we were fortunate to find Nick Schedlbauer and Alfredo Cuéllar – two successful professionals who have grown up in El Salvador and Guatemala and were more than excited to take over this great responsibility. Welcome on board Nick & Alfredo ¡y desde ya mucho éxito, suerte y alegría en la nueva tarea!

«It is geniuses who move a country forward, not the average citizen.»

This quote is from Joel Mokyr, the Economic Historian, and Noble Prize 2025 laureate. We like it very much since it goes very well with the slogan of our foundation: *«We Empower Talent for Change»*.

Doing exactly that has been our mission in the last 30 years – and it will be our mission in the decades ahead. Why? Because we are truly convinced that fostering excellent tertiary education in the economic and technical/technology fields is key to ultimately «move the needle» in a country.

Mexico – here we come!

This year we will add a new chapter to our country programs: Mexico.

The idea for this step came up two years ago when we were approached by the renowned «Fundación Coppel» of Mexico. This foundation conducted a thorough due diligence of many well-established Swiss foundations and eventually selected Fundación Educación as their partner to establish a new high-end scholarship program in Mexico.

We feel very honored and are very excited about this opportunity. We are also grateful that Ueli Frei, a long-time member of our Foundation Board, has decided to take responsibility for building

up and managing this new chapter. Finally, we are thrilled that Mike Jost and Jobenely Cabello will take over the responsibility of running our new Local Committee. Muchas gracias Ueli, bienvenidos Jobenely y Mike y ¡adelante con la misma pasión de siempre!

Already now, we look forward to gradually leaving another «talent footprint» in LATAM – thanks to the cooperation between Fundación Coppel, the renowned Tec de Monterrey and ourselves. As of Q3 2026, we'll start building the basis so that many young Mexican talents can also start «moving the needle» in their country in the years to come!

Already now, we look forward to continuing this mutual and fascinating journey so we can change and shape the lives of many more talents in the decades to come! Let us continue to strive to «move the needle» and create the necessary change in our world!

Adelante – ¡con todos los motores en marcha!

This year, we have started to gradually roll out our «Vision 2035».

Based on the main pillars of our newly refined vision, we will gradually implement our Strategy, and our Best Practices, as well as measures for stronger fundraising activities both in Switzerland as well as in all our program countries. With that goal in mind, the Foundation Board and all Local Committees held various workshops to review processes and align strengths and communication.

All of what we do would not be possible without you! Hence, our **final – and most important – muchísimas gracias** goes to all of you, dear Strategic Partners and Donors. Thank you for believing in us and in sharing our vision. Thank you for trusting in our work. Thank you for being there when we need your guidance and ad-

vice. And finally, thank you for all your commitment and financial support throughout all these years. It is exactly this wonderful mix that makes our partnership so immensely valuable!

We wish you all simply the best in all your personal and professional endeavors, much luck and fun, yet above all great health! Finally, we truly hope to see many of you soon again – because nothing replaces a personal contact.

¡Cordiales saludos y hasta pronto!



Ricardo Cordero, on behalf of the Foundation Board
St. Gallen, June 2026

We Empower Talent for Change

What we stand for

Latin America is characterized by great social contrasts and inequality of opportunities.

Fundación Educación opens up new opportunities by enabling talented young people from low-income families to study or receive a specialist education at a leading university or college in their country.

With our scholarships we support education in the technical, technological, or economic field. In this way, we contribute to helping young talents from low-income families to become well-trained and responsible professionals – either as entrepreneurs or managers of private enterprises in their countries.

Our program thus contributes to strengthening the middle classes. This is key to economic and social development in Latin America. Social upward mobility also promotes cohesion and political stability.

Who we are

We are a Swiss foundation with a track record of over 30 years.

Since its establishment in 1993, our foundation has granted over 1,600 scholarships. Today, over 1,450 of our alumni are successfully working and contributing to the future of their country. In 2025, we supported 239 scholarship holders.

Today, we are active in Perú, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica. In all these countries we work closely with our Local Committees and 14 selected universities and colleges. The latter are responsible for making the first selection of potential candidates and providing our Local Committees with the respective candidates' dossiers. Thereafter, our Local Committees conduct personal interviews and prepare the documentation of their selection of candidates which is presented to the Foundation Board in Switzerland for final review and approval.

When selecting our scholarship holders, we not only consider their background and academic excellence, but also their identification with our values. Furthermore, we expect our scholarship holders and alumni to be committed and willing to use their talent for the economic and social change of their country.

Compromiso de Honor

With the «Compromiso de Honor», our scholarship holders commit themselves to repay the support they have received in accordance with their possibilities after completing their studies. These reimbursements are used exclusively for further scholarships in the respective country of the alumni.

International Swiss Talent Forum 2026 (ISTF26)

From 17 to 21 February 2026, the International Swiss Talent Forum (ISTF26), organized by the Swiss Youth in Science Foundation (Schweizer Jugend forscht), took place in Murten. For the third consecutive year, three of our scholarship recipients were invited to participate in this event. We are happy to share what they wrote about it:

Luz Lemus, Economics and Business, ESEN

The ISTF26 was, without a doubt, a truly unique experience. In Murten, surrounded by young people from different parts of the world, every day was both a challenge and an opportunity. We worked in multicultural teams to develop solutions related to the main theme, Water: The Elixir of Life. My group focused on finding ways to transform water into a means of promoting peace. Beyond the final outcome, the most valuable part was the process itself: learning to listen, understand different perspectives, and build ideas together.

My team quickly became a close group of friends. Although it was not easy at first, through brainstorming, discussions, and many enjoyable moments, we not only developed a proposal but also created genuine connections. The forum was a place where I grew, learned to trust myself more, and came to appreciate diversity as a source of strength.

In the end, I realized that this journey was not only about learning or discovering a new country, but also about opening my mind, stepping out of my comfort zone, and discovering everything I am capable of achieving. I returned home with a full heart, unforgettable memories, and deep gratitude to Fundación Educación for making such a meaningful and enriching experience possible.

Damaris Vásquez, Economics, UP

This experience has truly marked a before and after for me. The forum ISTF26 brought together young people from different countries and disciplines to work collaboratively on global water-related challenges. I was part of Team 2A, working on the challenge presented by Roche: *How to increase access to clean water in health care facilities?*

Our team focused on the question: *«How can we counteract heavy metal contamination to reduce infection risk for patients in low-income countries?»*

Thanks to the teamwork and the different perspectives within the group, we were able to refine this idea and eventually develop our project: using clams as bioindicators to detect heavy metal contamination in hospital water systems.

Coming from the family and the reality I come from, traveling to Europe (let alone Switzerland) once felt like something very distant. Being able to represent my country there at 21 years old is something that still leaves me speechless and, at times, even emotional. In many ways, it feels like crossing a barrier that reflects the reality faced by many talented young people.

Ángel Muñoz, Industrial Engineering, LEAD University

After this experience, I feel more prepared for life.

Challenges like this raise both the level of learning and the degree of personal and professional expectations, while also making you more aware of the diversity of thought that exists in the world. I have always been interested in cultural intelligence and multicultural management, and this journey allowed me to better understand how important and fascinating it is to recognize the differences among people and how these differences should be used to create new solutions rather than conflicts.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to live this experience, just as I feel privileged to be on the verge of achieving my dream of graduating from university thanks to my scholarship. Organizations such as Fundación Educación inspire me to keep striving forward, because they remind me that meritocracy can still exist and that, with hard work and determination, no matter where you come from, you can go far beyond what you ever imagined possible.



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Facts and Figures

Per December 2025

"The Foundation finances its country programs through donor contributions from Strategic Partners and Friends of the Foundation. The returns on the Foundation's capital cover administrative costs in Switzerland in terms of volume. The corresponding financial figures can be viewed in the Foundation's revised annual accounts.

In addition, the Foundation works with local partners in a variety of ways to ensure that its purpose is sustainably anchored locally:

Alumni fund scholarships locally through their repayments as part of the Compromiso de Honor. These are counted as Foundation scholarships, regardless of whether they are awarded and administered by a local alumni organization.

There are also partnerships with local funding partners. On the one hand, foundation scholarships are co-financed by local donors (in particular through discounts from educational institutions). On the other hand, the foundation handles third-party scholarship programs or scholarships from local donors.

Unless otherwise stated, the following key figures relate exclusively to the results achieved within the Foundation (i.e. excluding local donations/third-party programs).

Key Figures (2025, consolidated, all amounts in USD)

Scholarships funded	239
Successful graduates since start of program	1'464
% of scholars who successfully completed their studies	93%
% of scholars who found employment immediately after graduation	99%
% of scholars who after graduation work in their country	96%
% of donation that directly benefits the beneficiaries	94%
Average cost per scholar per year (based on full tuition)	5'500
Average cost per study (based on full tuition)	27'500
Invested funds from foundation	881'000
Invested funds from Compromiso de Honor	32'000
Invested funds from local co-financing	389'000
Total invested funds for scholarships	1'303'000
On-site administrative costs for scholarship awarding & mentoring	80'000
Administrative costs in Switzerland	120'000
Repayments from the Compromiso de Honor since start	3'254'000
Repayments from the Compromiso de Honor	68'000
Scholarships funded by local donors/third-party organizations	12
Local donations/volume third-party programs	62'000



Education statistics (all amounts in USD)	Perú	Colombia	El Salvador	Guatemala	Costa Rica	Total
Start of country program	1994	1996	2006	2007	2023	
Successful graduates since start of country program	893	273	217	81	0	1'418
Scholars 31.12.2024	25	63	33	35	7	163
New scholars 2025	32	17	25	4	10	88
Graduates 2025	2	12	20	12	0	46
Leavers 2025	2	0	5	0	0	7
Scholars 31.12.2025	53	68	33	27	17	198
Invested funds from foundation	169'382	301'159	84'888	260'330	65'512	881'271
Invested funds from Compromiso de Honor	3'449	5'276	12'965	10'657	0	32'347
Total amount invested in scholarships (without local co-financing)	172'831	306'435	97'853	270'987	65'512	913'618

Local funding (all amounts in USD)	Perú	Colombia	El Salvador	Guatemala	Costa Rica	Total
Repayments from the Compromiso de Honor since start	2'825'315	169'684	198'016	60'525	0	3'253'540
Number of payers of the Compromiso de Honor	9	26	60	68	0	163
Repayments from the Compromiso de Honor	4'810	12'798	29'921	20'049	0	67'578
Local third party contributions to co-fund Foundation scholarships*	151'024	69'874	17'850	96'000	54'220	388'968
Scholarships of local donors/third-party organizations	0	8	0	4	0	12
Local donations/volume of third party's scholarship programs	0	30'083	0	32'000	0	62'083
Locally generated funding (incl. Compromiso de Honor)	155'834	112'755	47'771	148'049	54'220	518'629

* Perú: incl. tuition fee waiver by UP for the 2024-II and 2025-I cohorts

Perú

Facts and Figures (in USD)	Perú
Scholarships funded	57
Invested amounts per institution:	
Universidad del Pacífico (UP)	144'260
Instituto Superior Tecnológico (TECSUP)	28'571
% of scholars who successfully complete their studies	98%

Local Committee

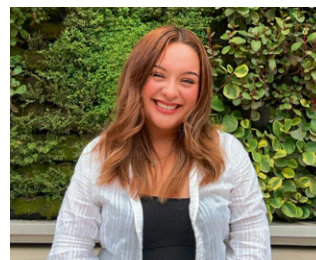
- Stefan Gocht / Entrepreneur, Vice President
- Andrés Velarde / Entrepreneur, President
- Rosa Blanc / Executive Director and Mentor

Success Stories from Perú

Rossmery Cáceres Rosales, Business Administration, UP

Thanks to a change in my study strategy, I managed last year to move from the top third to the top 10% of my class, and the top 2% in the Business Administration program. This achievement is even more rewarding because I accomplished it while simultaneously starting my professional career as a Marketing Intern at Ferreyros company. It proved to me that with hard work, organization, and the right mindset, achieving a successful balance is entirely possible.

This year, my focus is on maintaining this academic momentum while continuing to broaden my professional perspective in marketing. I will soon be transitioning into the banking sector to explore new industries, understand the business from multiple viewpoints, and continue growing in the corporate world. Furthermore, in line with my personal purpose, my long-term goal is to offer marketing consulting for small business owners. This passion began when I was 15, after founding a dessert business that I still run today alongside my mom. I know firsthand the effort it takes to start from scratch, and I want to use my experience to empower others to turn their ideas into successful ventures.



Piero Vega Sotomayor, Economics, UP

Throughout my university studies, I always dreamed of having an international experience that would complement my academic learning and allow me to explore new economic, social, and cultural perspectives. However, due to financial limitations, I knew that achieving this goal wouldn't be possible without support. Thanks to my academic efforts and the support of Fundación Educación, I was awarded the AUSJAL Scholarship to participate in a student exchange program at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City for a semester.

This opportunity represents a very important step in my training as an economist, as it will allow me to thrive in an international environment, broaden my understanding of different economic contexts, and strengthen both my academic and personal skills. All of this has been possible thanks

to the support and trust of my benefactors, who have believed in my education and growth since the beginning of my university career.

Brandon Astete Narvaez, Industrial Mechatronics, TECSUP

Receiving this scholarship has been a great relief to my family's financial burden and allowed me to quit my job to dedicate myself fully to my technical training. Thanks to the support and my constant effort, I proudly maintain my position at the top of my class at Tecsup. This valuable support also gave me the necessary time to become involved in high-impact extracurricular activities. This led me to assume the presidency of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society (RAS) student chapter for 2026, an experience that has taught me that excellence lies not only in academics but also in the development of soft skills such as leadership.

In the technical and professional sphere, I am currently continuing to enhance my skills through Autodesk Inventor certifications and by submitting research papers to the CONEIMERA conference, a highly regarded event in Peru. Simultaneously, I maintain a strong commitment to social service by supporting high school students at vocational fairs, such as Formatec, and by designing projects aimed at teaching robotics to schoolchildren. None of this would have been possible without the vote of confidence of the Fundación Educación; therefore, I carry my Compromiso de Honor with the utmost responsibility, with the firm conviction that in the future I will support other young people in vulnerable situations who, like me, have the desire and determination to excel.



Colombia

Facts and Figures (in USD)	Colombia
Scholarships funded	72
Invested amounts per institution:	
Escuela de Administración, Finanzas, Investigación y Tecnología (EAFIT)	265'487
Instituto Pedro Justo Berrío (IPJB)	40'948
% of scholars who successfully complete their studies	90%

Local Committee

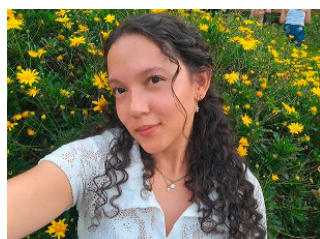
- Marcela Yepes / Entrepreneur, Alumna of Fundación Educación, President (as of 2026)
- Dr. Jorge Tabares / Former Executive EAFIT, President (until 2025)
- Dr. Alirio Jaramillo / Entrepreneur, Former President
- Norckzia Ortiz de Navarro / Former President, Mentor
- Julio César Betancourt / Manager, Alumnus of Fundación Educación
- Octavio Peláez / Manager, Alumnus of Fundación Educación
- Juan Felipe Zuluaga / Talent Adviser EAFIT
- Sandra Valencia / Executive Director

Success Stories from Colombia

Johan Vélez Cardona, Economics, EAFIT

After graduating from high school I planned to work to support my family and continue taking English lessons; I did not consider entering a university immediately. However, just a few days before the application deadline closed, I applied for the Foundation scholarship. Today, I am in my fourth semester of Economics and I have had the opportunity to stand out academically as a teaching assistant for the General Macroeconomics course. In addition, I was elected as the student representative of my beloved Department of Finance, Economics and Government.

A few weeks ago, I was chosen to participate in the FHNW academic mission in Switzerland 2026-1, a university program in which I will work alongside Swiss students on the development of a business project while strengthening my international perspective and building new academic and professional networks. Achieving this is proof to me of what can come from discipline, curiosity, and a constant desire to learn.



Juliana Hernandez Montoya, Mathematical Engineering, EAFIT

What once began as a path in Systems Engineering eventually became the discovery of my true passion: Mathematical Engineering. The university opened my eyes to new ways of understanding the world, exploring different fields, and discovering a career that made me feel deeply alive. Changing paths was not easy, but I learned that growing also means daring to listen to what moves your soul. Beyond shaping excellent professionals, this scholarship taught me something even more valuable: that behind every note and every stumble, we remain people who are learning to find themselves.

Today, I continue building the path toward my dreams, even while catching up after changing majors.

I have had the opportunity to participate in cybersecurity and applied mathematics research groups, explore areas and grow personally through Nova, the Technology and Innovation student group, where I currently serve on the board as Director of Human Resources. I deeply love what I do, and I am ready to take on the world.

Melany Daza Valencia, Physics Engineering, EAFIT

My passion for science and engineering has been the driving force behind my perseverance in a career that demands discipline, consistency, love, and a deep commitment. I've twice received the award for Best Physics Engineering Project at Inventiva, an innovation event at EAFIT. Throughout my studies, I've found ways to continue cultivating this passion and sharing it through teaching, science outreach, and research. Currently, I coordinate the Quasar Applied Optics Research Group, specializing in Astronomy. Through this group, I have participated in events promoting scientific knowledge dissemination, reaching internationally significant scientific forums such as IAUS400. Music also plays a fundamental role in my life. I am currently a soprano in the university's choir and participate in regional and national cultural events, experiences that have allowed me to explore areas that complement my academic training and strengthen my discipline, commitment, the importance of collaborative work, and interdisciplinarity.



El Salvador

Local Committee

Facts and Figures (in USD)	El Salvador
Scholarships funded	53
Invested amounts per institution:	
Instituto Tecnológico Centroamericano (ITCA)	17'317
Universidad Don Bosco (UDB)	30'384
Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios (ESEN)	32'288
Escuela de Comunicación Mónica Herrera (ECMH)	17'864
% of scholars who successfully complete their studies	78%

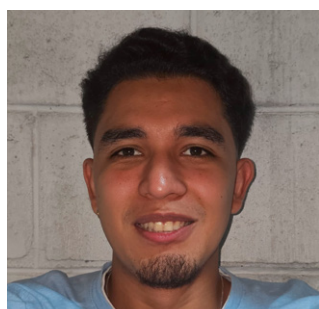
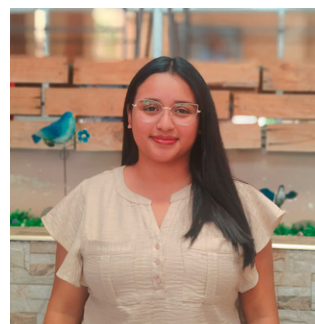
- Nick Bienz / Entrepreneur, President
- Regina Olmedo / Entrepreneur
- Mirna de Halimboung / Executive Director and Mentor

Success Stories from El Salvador

Daniela Argueta Lemus, Software Engineering and Digital Business, ESEN

A couple of years ago, the thought of working as a programmer scared me, but today it's something I do in my free time. Being freelance has allowed me to learn how to communicate better with people and to understand how technology is used in real life. Creating solutions for small businesses has shown me that I'm capable of learning new things on my own and leading my own projects—something that used to seem out of reach.

My dream is to become a business architect so I can design how companies operate from the inside. I know I have a long way to go and that I need to learn about many different areas, both in technology and business, but I'm motivated to keep gaining this experience step by step. I'm excited to see how every small project I take on today prepares me for the future I want to build.



Yoel Galeano López, Mechanical Engineering, UDB

Yoel is a third-year student at Universidad Don Bosco, where he is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Recently, Yoel stood out for the development and manufacture of a flow meter using Bernoulli principles and continuity, integrating a MPX5010 differential pressure sensor, 3D printing and the Venturi effect. This project allowed him to apply theoretical knowledge to a functional and innovative solution, strengthening his skills in design, manufacturing and automation.

Among his future goals, Yoel wants to acquire a 3D printer to specialize even more in this technology and continue perfecting his skills in design and manufacture of parts. In addition, he dreams of undertaking in the field of 3D printing and developing innovative projects related to engineering and technological manufacturing.

Guatemala

Facts and Figures (in USD)	Guatemala
Scholarships funded	40
Invested amounts per institution:	
Universidad Francisco Marroquín (UFM)	141'431
Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)	129'556
% of scholars who successfully complete their studies	96%

Local Committee

- Kurt Schneider / Consultant, President
- Michelle Castro / Executive Director and Mentor
- Cristina Novales / Former Executive Director, Mentor

Patronage Committee

- Diana Canella / Entrepreneur
- Manuel Echeverría / Entrepreneur

Success Stories from Guatemala

César Rodrigo González Pérez, Economics, UFM

I graduated Magna Cum Laude and was on the faculty honor roll throughout my academic career, achievements that reflect the discipline and perseverance I developed during this time. However, one of my greatest challenges was not academic, but personal: learning how to overcome the shyness that characterized me when I first entered university. Through different courses and experiences, I discovered leadership skills and a vocation for service that transformed the way I interact with others.

Today I work as a Structured Credit Financial Analyst at Banco Industrial, the largest bank in Central America. Looking ahead, I aspire to pursue a master's degree abroad that will allow me to continue developing analytical and leadership skills to generate a positive impact in Guatemala.

I also want to continue supporting ASOFE and initiatives that enable more young Guatemalans to access educational opportunities that can transform their lives, just as mine was transformed thanks to the education and support I received.



Brandon García Chávez, Chemical Engineering, UVG

Throughout my studies, I have built a path focused on academic excellence, technical leadership, and international experience. I began my professional career as an intern at Cementos Progreso. At the same time, I worked as a teaching assistant in university courses related to chemistry, data analysis, and process simulation, developing leadership, communication, and technical teaching abilities.

The experience that transformed my life was joining HEMEX Switzerland AG, where I had the opportunity to travel from Guatemala to work in an international environment within the pharmaceutical and medical device sector. Leaving my family behind and facing new challenges taught me that growth begins when we dare to step outside our comfort zone and believe in abilities we did not know we had. «Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.»— Neale Donald Walsch.

Elena Calí Sotz, Economics, UFM

Thanks to the scholarship, I have had the opportunity to participate in several projects, among them, a project I carried out together with my classmates, *the Business Challenge*. It was a project in which we applied the knowledge we had developed to organize an event in support of a foundation. It was an experience through which I learned how to connect with companies, manage resources, and understand the importance of emotional intelligence in academic and professional life. It also helped me understand the effort behind every scholarship.

This experience, along with many others, have allowed me to recognize the impact my actions can have and the strength that determination can hold. I want to fight for what I value: supporting my family, becoming like the people who have supported me, and making a positive impact on the world.



Costa Rica

Facts and Figures (in USD)	Costa Rica
Scholarships funded	17
Invested amounts per institution:	
Universidad Latina de Costa Rica (ULATINA)	11'292
Lead University (ULEAD)	40'690
Universidad Invenio	13'530
% of scholars who successfully complete their studies	–

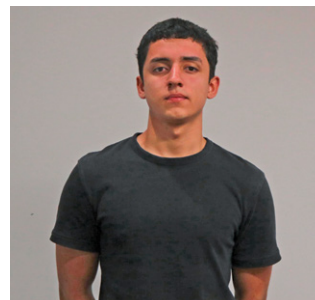
Local Committee

- Óscar López / Director Edunámica, President
- Ricardo Quesada / Executive Director and Mentor
- Cristie Castro Fonseca / Banker, Mentor

Success Stories from Costa Rica

Jasser Palacios Olivas, Data Science, Lead University

I grew up in the SOS Children's Villages in Costa Rica. I discovered my field of study thanks to my high school principal. Data Science is a field that combines mathematics and programming, two areas that have always interested me. I feel like I'm at the most challenging point in my studies because I'm currently working and studying at the same time, but thankfully, I feel confident that I can do it. My dream has always been to graduate from university and get a job that supports me and allows me to enjoy life. What does enjoying life mean to me? Simply living comfortably, traveling, and having enough so that my friends and family can also enjoy life with me. I've really enjoyed my studies as I've progressed, and my desire to live this dream grows stronger every day. I keep my efforts focused on that goal, and I will continue to strive to achieve it.



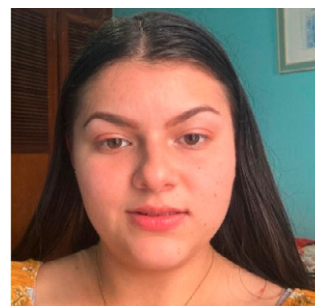
Keeisy Montiel Mora, Mechatronics Engineering, INVENIO

Being at a university and studying what I love has been an amazing experience for me; it allows me to learn so much from so many sources. Technology opens my eyes to countless opportunities and possibilities for improving people's lives, and that's something I feel will never end – there will always be something new to learn, create, or improve. I've already achieved my first milestones at university: I earned first place among freshmen and second place university-wide in the Charpy impact test.

One of my dreams is to make technology more accessible, especially in the medical field, where it can be a huge help and a game-changer for so many people. I also dream of inspiring more kids and young people to study not just technology, but any field they truly love, showing that it really is possible to work in a field you're passionate about.

Michel Flores Brenes, Systems Engineering, Ulatina

I am currently finishing my degree in Systems Engineering, a process that has allowed me to develop technical skills, discipline, and problem-solving abilities. One of the achievements I value most was my participation in the University Community Service Program (TCU), where I had the opportunity to teach schoolchildren. Another significant achievement was participating in an AI-powered agent automation bootcamp, where I learned to automate processes using the n8n tool. One of my dreams is to develop professionally in the tech sector, participate in innovative projects, and combine programming with automation to deliver solutions that make a real impact. I also hope to continue specializing and achieve professional stability. Additionally, I'd like to make a difference by sharing the knowledge and experience I gain with others.





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