



## VISIONAR SCHOLARSHIPS – OCT 2019 UPDATE

Letter from VISIONAR student Emilia to donors and supporters of VISIONAR Scholarships:

My name is Emilia, I am 21 years old and I am a Psychology major at Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales (UCES), in my hometown of San Francisco, Córdoba, Argentina. I am currently in my fourth year of university and I am planning to graduate by 2021.

This year I went through an important milestone. In August, I started with supervised Professional Practice, which brings me a step closer to my goal and it is making it more real. I am so excited!

My journey is not just about going to university. I have multiple interests and activities. I am an active member of a Collaborative for the Right to Mental Health, a non-profit organization advocating for human rights and rights to mental health. Also, I am a member of Women United, an organization that challenges the patriarchal system in our culture and fights against domestic violence. In addition, I joined Somos Viento (translation: We Are Wind), where we highlight art as a vector of culture and history.

Besides my activism, in 2018 I decided to get certified in Therapeutic Care, a profession dedicated to support mental health patients in everyday life. I obtained my certification in December 2018 after doing internships and writing an essay about the ethics of supporting people with mental health illness, and whose lives, in many instances, have been neglected or discounted by society. I loved this work so much that it might be the basis for the thesis I will present in my Psychology major as a requirement for graduation.

From the beginning of my university coursework, I have maintained a 9/10 Grade Point Average, which reflects my hard work. It has been challenging, especially because, besides being a full-time student, I have a part-time job, I volunteer in the organizations mentioned above, and I do extra-curricular specialization courses. I have taken additional courses in areas of interest to me, including Mental Health and the Community, Interdisciplinary work, Theories of Gender and Diversity, and Adolescence.

I am happy with what I do. I have the opportunity to get an education and to learn from distinguished faculty whose work I respect and admire. They encourage me, and their feedback about my work confirms that I made the right choice with the major I am pursuing. It is truly my passion. I choose this path every day. More importantly, I recognize the opportunity to choose to go to school and to choose what to study. All this is possible thanks to my VISIONAR scholarship. The help from VISIONAR is a bridge between my present desire to become a clinical psychologist and my professional future.

I am convinced that, without this opportunity and this support, I would not be able to reach my goal. I thank those who help fund my scholarship for supporting me in my goal to become who I aspire to be.

With deep gratitude,

Emilia



Please consider supporting one VISIONAR student through the school year, which represents USD \$500 in today's exchange rate. This amount helps pay for university fees, school supplies, books and transportation. As always, any amount is deeply appreciated and welcome.

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Thank you for your support!

Gabriela

