



New Zealand/Australia/US/Canada/South Africa Embassy Argentina

Future Engineering Leaders Scholarship (FELS)

English Language Immersion Program for Undergraduate Students

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The Future Engineering Leaders Scholarship (FELS) is a joint effort from different countries to offer scholarships to undergraduate engineering students whose native language is other than English. It is an opportunity for students to take part in an immersion English program that aims at developing both the English language and skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, leadership and cultural awareness.

The special characteristic about the FELS is that students apply for it in pairs or in groups of three. Since this scholarship is aimed at developing basic engineering skills, students are asked to develop a project based on an engineering topic to be pre-selected. Details about this project are provided below in the section “Project Proposal”. Although most of this form is completed individually, the section about the project has to be developed by all the members of the team together.

The students who are pre-selected will have to turn in an individual video about their life, preferences, expectations, among other aspects (i.e., the components of the elements in the first part of the present form). As well as this, all the members of the group will have to deliver the presentation of the project to the committee. The winners of the scholarships will be announced at a later date.

The students who are admitted into the program will visit a country of their choice and will spend two months at a university taking the English for Specific Purposes course and the 21st Century Engineering Skills course specially designed for these students. Although the costs of tuition and accommodation are covered, the students will have to pay for their plane ticket.



PART 1: Personal Background (Individual Form)

a) Members of the team

-Full name (first, last and m.i.): Marcelo A. Gonzalez-Caraballo

-Full name (first, last and m.i.): Geronimo Monzon-Garcia

-Full name (first, last and m.i.): Aaron Oviedo-Denis

-Country of Choice:

US

b) Personal information

-Full name (first, last and m.i.): Marcelo A. Gonzalez-Caraballo

-Date and place of birth: 22nd December 2000, Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela.

-Nationality (only Argentine nationals can apply): I am Venezuelan with Argentine nationality.

-I.D. (DNI): 99024578

-Passport No. (if you have one): -

-Address (street and number, apartment unit number, city, province and ZIP code): 1500 Alejo Peiret St, Parana, Entre Rios. Zip code 3100

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Narration of your Personal Information

My name is Marcelo Gonzalez. I am Venezuelan living in Argentina since 2018 and I am 20 years old. I was born in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela. I currently live in the city of Parana, Entre Rios province and my address is 1500 Alejo Peiret St.

I came to live in Argentina to study and have a better life. During the three years that I have been living in Argentina, I have been able to get my permanent ID number, which is 99024578. My cell phone number is +54 8899 6532, and my email address is marcelo@gmail.com.



c) Academic and professional background

- University studies: Civil Engineering.
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): I have an Overall Grade Point Average of 7.
- University institution: National Technological University – Parana Regional School of Engineering
- Expected graduation date: 2025
- Scholarships: None.
- Awards or recognitions: None.
- Career-related job experience: None.
- Special interests (hobbies, sports, music, arts): Soccer.
- Are you a member of an NGO, club or association? No, I am not member.

English proficiency: Please mark with an “X” your level of English.

Reading:	Poor	Fair	Good	X	Very Good	Excellent
Speaking:	Poor	Fair	X	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Writing:	Poor	Fair	X	Good	Very Good	Excellent

If you hold any English level certificate (test score of TOEFL, IELTS, CELT, First Certificate, Proficiency, any other Cambridge exam or a certificate from institution where you studied saying how many years, how many hours per week and at what level), please attach. If you are pre-selected your English will be evaluated by telephone.

Narration of your Academic and Professional background

I am currently studying Civil Engineering for the second year at UTN and I expect to graduate in 2025. Although I do not have any awards or recognitions, I consider myself a responsible student and I make an effort in all my projects.

I am studying English and I hope to finish it with a good level of English to participate in the scholarship. I do not have a lot of career-related work experience but, as I continue to advance in my studies, I hope to obtain it.



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I like doing other activities apart from studying. I play soccer and I like to cook. On weekends, I play soccer with my team in a league in which we want to be champions. I like to cook homemade desserts for my family because we like sweets and I cook Venezuelan food for my friends so they can get to know my culture.

d) A day in the life of a UTN student: Tell the Committee about your daily routine, making sure you highlight those aspects that make you special.

My daily routine in pandemic times is quite ordinary. I usually get up at 7 am and take a shower. After that, I check my pending tasks on the UTN campus to get them done. Then, I prepare breakfast while listening to music. After breakfast I do my assignments and I start studying. I like drinking coffee while studying because it helps me concentrate.

In the afternoon, I go to the gym to exercise and keep fit. After the gym, I go home to have a snack to recharge my batteries and start my virtual classes with the greatest enthusiasm.

I do not cook at night because I do not finish virtual classes until very late. My mom or sister usually prepare food because they cook very well. After dinner, I always watch funny videos on YouTube and check social media. I finally go to bed at around midnight.

My weekends are a little different. I play in a soccer tournament with my team and we want to be champions. I watch many soccer matches on TV, especially those of FC Barcelona because it is my favorite team. On Saturday nights, I go out with my friends to eat in a restaurant. Sundays are quiet because I am with my family, and we watch movies and eat “cotufas” (Venezuelan popcorn).

e) Knowing about your life story is important for the Selection Committee. Narrate your biography, highlighting those aspects that make you a unique person.

I was born in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, on December 22, 2000, to my father William and mother Isnelvia, and I grew up with my younger sister Fabiana. My hometown is famous for being a young growing city and for its great rivers.



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I spent elementary school, junior high school, and high school in Puerto Ordaz. I was an athletic child who was very playful and always ran. My father was a professional soccer player and he introduced me to sports, especially soccer. At elementary school, I concentrated on sports such as soccer and basketball although I liked playing soccer more. During elementary school and junior high school, I enjoyed studying because I had good friends who helped each other. At high school, I had very good grades although I was not interested in studying because I wanted to be a soccer player like my father.

I played soccer for 12 years. My first soccer team was at 5 years old and the last team I played professionally for was at 16 years old. Then, I moved to Argentina in 2018, and I did not play professional soccer anymore, although I keep playing but in an amateur way.

My mother always supported me in my dream of playing soccer, but she told me about studying engineering and trying something different. Thanks to her, I became very interested in engineering, especially civil engineering. In 2019, I started studying at National Technological University and started working part-time in a paint store for 5 months where I was in charge of distributing cans of paint and painting tools.

f) Why have you chosen US for the immersion program? Write a text about what you know or interests you about this country (100-200 words).

I chose the US as the country I want to go to for the immersion program because I see the US as a country with many opportunities for my personal and professional development. I have always liked the creation of new technologies and going to this country to study would be a great opportunity to find out why it is one of the most developed countries in the area of technology.

One of the reasons I was interested in studying in this country is because of the successful work experience of many Latinos residing in this country. I also liked that universities support the sports talent of their students.



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It is a country with the best universities in the world, its economy is quite stable and it offers a good quality of life. I have never been able to get to know the United States and for these reasons I would like to go to study at one of its universities.

g) What are your plans for the future?

I have many plans for the future but I have a goal that I want to achieve in the long term, which is to graduate as a civil engineer and one of my goals in the near future is to pass my final exams.

I have always wanted to learn to speak English so I am going to start a training course to have a good command of the language next year. I think that mastering the language well will help me in my professional career.

I also have plans to take a trip because I like to know new places that is why I am going to visit Neuquén next winter. I have friends there, who are from my hometown and they have told me that it is a very beautiful city to visit.

h) Please, describe in not more than 500 words, why you would like to take this course and how you think it will help you both personally and professionally

I think it is great to take this course because it will give me the opportunity to attend university classes in another language totally different from mine. This will help me to develop better in other areas either as a student or as a professional. Attending another university in person will facilitate my learning and mastery of the English language.

The United States is one of the countries with the highest level of development in technologies that help improve engineering and make it more efficient. Studying engineering at a university in the United States will provide me with innovative knowledge that I can apply in my country of residence. Personally, I think that taking this course will help me to have better communication with other people from different cultures.