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.

Important: Do not leave any field without information. If you do not have a certain piece of information sate so.

a) Members of the team

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Full name (first, last and m.i.): Martinez Agüera, Rocio I.

Full name (first, last and m.i.): Ramirez, Agustin E.

Country of Choice: Australia.

b) Personal information

Full name (first, last and m.i.): Gimenez, Greta A.

Date and place of birth: Bovril, October 2nd, 1997.

Nationality (only Argentine nationals can apply): Argentinian.

I.D. (DNI): 41563265

Passport No. (if you have one): I do not have a passport

Address (street and number, apartment unit number, city, province, and ZIP code): 338 Colonia Del Sacramento, Departament 69, Parana, Entre Rios, 3100.

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Narration of your Personal Information

My first name is Greta and my surname is Gimenez. I was born on October 2nd,1997, in Bovril, Entre Rios so I am Argentinian. I am 23 years old. My ID number is 41563265.

I live in Parana at 338 Colonia Del Sacramento St in apartment 67. My cell phone number is 03438-15539802 and my email address is Gretagimenez0210@hotmail.com

c) Academic and professional background

University studies: civil engineering.

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): 7.25

(Please, attach official transcript)

<u>University institution:</u> Universidad Tecnológica Nacional – Facultad Regional Parana. Expected graduation date: December 20th, 2023.

Scholarships: I do not have scholarships.

Awards or recognitions: I do not have awards or recognitions.

<u>Career-related job experience:</u> performing appraisals.

<u>Special interests (hobbies, sports, music, arts):</u> volleyball, 80's, 90' and national rock music.

Are you a member of an NGO, club or association? No, I am not a member.

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

Reading:	Poor	Fair X	Good	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 plan to graduate as a civil engineer on December 20th, 2023 from the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional – Regional Paraná. Currently, I work some days of the week on performing appraisals of properties and lots with the civil engineer Jorge D'Agostino. I am in my college volleyball team. We are currently not practicing due to the pandemic, but we usually practice on Mondays and Wednesday in the morning at Berduc Park. In my free time or when I study, I love to listen to 80's and 90's music as well as national rock. My English level is not good but I like to listen to music so I learn a lot. I am not part of any association or NGO but I would love to be in one of them or help people in different situations. To date, I have not received any awards or recognition nor do I have any scholarships, but I hope to receive them at some point in my career.

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.

Narration of your routine as a UTN student

I always get up at 8 o'clock. Before studying, I have a cup of coffee. I study until 12 o'clock if I do not have to carry out a university assignment in a group. While I prepare lunch, I tidy and clean my apartment.

Every day, I have classes from two o'clock to half past eight. Then, I take a shower. Before I go to bed, I prepare dinner for me and my sister. While we eat dinner, we talk about the day and watch TV. Except for Mondays and Wednesdays, when I go to volleyball in the morning at Berduc Park, my routine does not change.

On weekends, I travel to my hometown to visit my parents and dogs in Bovril or visit my aunt and uncle who live a few blocks from my apartment. Except for weekends, when I do not set an alarm clock, I try to sleep eight hours a day.

Generally, I do not have a fixed work time but most of the time it is on Saturday mornings.

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

Narrate your biography

I was born on October 2, 1997, in Bovril, Entre Ríos. My parents are Luis Giménez and Sandra Gauna.

When I was 4 years old, I started my school life at "Manitos Mágicas Kindergarten", which is five blocks away from my house. Two years later, I started elementary school N°112 Independencia, which is next to the kindergarten. I was standard bearer during my last two years of school, and the best student in all elementary school years.

In 2008, I started taking folklore classes and I did it for three years. Then I had to quit because I had a double shift in high school, so I didn't have time to go.

In 2009, I graduated from elementary school. Then, in 2010, I attended the technical school N°44 Luis Federico Leloir. During my time in high school, I was twice a school representative in the youth senate in the city of Parana. The Youth Senate is to experience being a senator one day, in this we must create a project that must meet certain requirements and debate it for all students and judges who evaluate it, it is an enriching experience. In 2016, I graduated as an electronics technician.

In 2017, I had to move to the city of Paraná to study civil engineering at the National Technological University because in my city you can only study teaching. It was hard for me to adapt to my first year of university since I did not have the necessary resources to study and even though I lived with my sister Aldana, I did not know how to organize myself with all the things of the faculty and the house. My second year was easier when it came to studying. I also started to practice volleyball with the women's team of the faculty.

In 2019, I missed a year of college due to personal problems. Despite that, it was a positive year. In October of that same year, I traveled for the first time with the volleyball team to participate in the technological games in Chapadmalal, Buenos Aires. It was a comfortable and fun trip. We came out first with my group.

During last year, it was hard for me to adapt to the virtual world for the first few months, since I had to spend many hours in front of the screen, but in spite of everything it was a very good year. In addition, I participated in a faculty service scholarship in which we must help the first-year students with their subjects.

I currently live with my older sister, Macarena, who helps me with the housework, and this helps me not to stress about my studies.

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

One of the main reasons why I chose Australia as the country for my immersion program is to have the opportunity to get to know it, study and travel.

Looking for information on the web, after reading about several cities, one of the ones that caught my attention was Sydney.

The city has many parks so as I like nature, I will visit them. One of the most important is the Royal Botanic Garden. It is located near the center of Sydney and from there you can see the Opera House. It is a botanical garden of 30 hectares, and they recommend tourists to have a picnic as a recreational activity, which is usual in the population there, so if I am chosen for this scholarship, I already have a proposed activity. In addition, it has a coastal route of approximately 6 km from Bondi to

Coogee Beach. I am not a summer lover, but with those beautiful beaches of clear water I would change my mind.

Sydney has countless activities to do during the day and night, so I would not have enough time to visit everything, anyway, I would love to visit two of the most important attractions of the city, as is the Palm Beach lighthouse and tour the most emblematic place of the city as the Opera House. This country is wonderful everywhere you look, from its huge beaches, the flora and fauna to the architecture of every place I may visit.

g) What are your plans for the future?

My main goal is to finish my civil engineering degree in about 2 years. There may be the possibility of finding a job in a formal or informal way to raise money, since I want to live abroad. In case this last part does not happen, at the end of my career, I will register my degree at the General Council of Education to teach in technical secondary schools or high schools in order to obtain a remunerative salary which will be saved to carry out my goal of traveling.

During these years in Argentina, I will reinforce the knowledge I acquired during my college years by taking courses/doctorates corresponding to my field of study.

Once I have raised the money, I will travel to Sweden where I will settle down to start a new life. Then I will check the country's websites to find out about the available jobs, while I get my degree approved. I will take advantage of my free time to get to know places, people and make relationships.

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 would like to obtain the language scholarship abroad because it is the best way to learn English. This scholarship will help me to get to know a new culture and interesting people, as well as to have the possibility to visit incredible places and enjoy an unforgettable vacation.

Personally, one of the main reasons why I want to study English is because knowing it will give me enriching ways to speak this language fluently, which is very beneficial when looking for a good job and to be able to communicate with people who speak it as their mother tongue.

This language will give me access to a better education and therefore the possibility of a better life wherever I would like to settle, without limiting me to the universities or training centers of my country.

It is important to recognize that it will give me job opportunities, which will multiply as soon as I master this language. It will also give me the possibility of getting a promotion or having access to other jobs, helping me improve my work situation.

With this trip I will strive through a series of constant problems that I may not have any other options but to solve them on my own, putting into practice what I have learned at university.