



## **International mobility and development cooperation awards ceremony held**

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On Monday 17 July, at a ceremony held at the Hospital Real, the seat of the Rectorate, the University of Granada presented its prestigious Awards for Excellence in International Mobility and "Federico Mayor Zaragoza" Award for University Development Cooperation. The annual ceremony is held with a view to rewarding the outstanding contributions of UGR students to international mobility programmes and development cooperation initiatives. Specifically, these merit-based awards are granted to members of the university community who can demonstrate that they have taken full advantage of their international mobility experiences, not only from an academic standpoint, but also from the point of view of personal development.



The event included speeches by Dorothy Kelly, the Vice-Rector for Internationalization; Pablo Martín González, the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities; and Pedro Mercado Pacheco, the University of Granada Secretary. Manuel Dote Montero, a graduate from the UGR's Bachelor's Degree in Sport and Exercise Sciences, who spoke on behalf of the award recipients, affirmed that all in attendance would recall their international mobility placements as invaluable experiences that had significantly broadened their horizons.

Pablo Martín González, who was recently appointed Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, highlighted just how fundamentally important it is for students to participate in these mobility programmes, which provide an extensive range of study destinations. The former Director of the Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education (SEPIE), Pablo Martín González, underscored the exceptional leadership of the University of Granada in international mobility programmes. The UGR continues to send more students abroad than any other university, illustrating its unyielding commitment to the internationalization of higher education in the European sphere.

With regard to the Awards for Excellence in International Mobility, the candidates had to submit a written paper recounting interesting and valuable experiences that they had during an international mobility period. The evaluation committee assessed each candidate's submission in terms of motivation, the ability to communicate experiences effectively, achievements showing the added value of this period spent abroad, and its potential impact on future beneficiaries of international mobility programmes. A total of 5 awards were offered in the following categories: undergraduate student mobility experiences (2); international internship or training experiences (1); master's degree mobility experiences (1); and doctoral candidate mobility experiences (1).

The "Federico Mayor Zaragoza" Award for University Development Cooperation, meanwhile, is given to students who submit undergraduate or master's dissertations that have the potential to foster critical reflection on inequality and social exclusion in developing countries.

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