

CUATRECASAS FOUNDATION AWARDS THE II MANUEL OLIVENCIA SCHOLARSHIP

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The Cuatrecasas Foundation awarded the second Manuel Olivencia Scholarship to law graduate Irene Sánchez Frías during an academic ceremony held on Thursday 20 October at the Picasso Museum in Málaga. In the selection process, the jury assessed the academic records, the solvency and solidity of the study projects and the personal qualities of all the candidates presented in this second edition.

The event was opened by Rafael Fontana, executive chairman of Cuatrecasas and vice-chairman of the Cuatrecasas Foundation, who thanked Ms. Patricia del Pozo, Andalusian Regional Government Minister for Educational Development and Vocational Training, Ms. Patricia Navarro, Andalusian Regional Government delegate in Malaga, and Mr. Javier Arenas, senator in the Spanish Parliament, among other prominent figures, for attending. Javier Arenas, senator in the Cortes Generales, among other prominent personalities, pointed out the importance of the Scholarship: "Today is a day that we could mark in our agenda as important, a day to vindicate young talent and the energy that it gives to a key and essential practice in the development of our society, such as the legal profession". He also highlighted the great work carried out by the jury, their dedication and solid will to reach the final selection. "The prosperity of communities and the welfare state are difficult to understand without a free and independent rule of law, without free and independent judges, without the participation of free and independent lawyers. This is one of the reasons why we love our profession so much," added Fontana.

The scholarship was awarded to Irene Sánchez Frías. A graduate in Law (2016-2020) and Master in

Law (2020-2022), both from the University of Malaga, she has now been admitted to the PhD programme in Legal and Social Sciences, also at the University of Malaga, with Dr. Eugenio Olmedo Peralta, professor of Commercial Law and specialist in digital markets, taking on the supervision of her thesis. The student obtained ten honours during her degree and two research grants in Private Law.