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# Here is what Rowe Fund

## Ex-beneficiaries have to Say

*In response to the following two of the ten questions in the survey:*

- ***What are you doing to assist in your country’s economic development?***
- ***How has your international experience changed you as an individual and as a professional?***

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***“Political Science studies allowed me to have a broad picture of issues such as poverty, discrimination, and inequality.”***

R. Alayza from Peru  
Fordham University  
Doctorate in Political Science

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***“My contribution to my country has been preparing new engineers to develop high quality work.”***

A. Avila from Chile  
University of Missouri  
Doctorate in Mathematics

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***“My research at the University (on judicial independence and public transparency) has been helpful in advising both the Ministry of Justice and the National Audit office.”***

J. Couso from Chile  
University of California, Berkeley  
Doctorate in Comparative Public Law

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***“I contribute academically and culturally to my country as I use what I have learned in the US every time I step into the classroom.”***

R. Da Silva from Brazil  
Carson Newman College  
Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language



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***“Personally, I feel confident when dealing with people and businesses from other countries.”***

A. Gonzalez from Mexico  
MIT, Sloan School of Management  
Masters in Business Administration

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***“I used my industrial engineering knowledge to help improve production on a textile industry in Peru. My engineering studies in the US gave me a strong background that I used in Peru.***

***As an individual, I gained valuable international knowledge by interacting with people from different countries. As a professional, I learned the tools necessary to develop myself as an engineer.”***

M. Tovar from Peru  
St. Mary's University  
Bachelors in Engineering

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***“My international experience has completely changed my mind set and perception of the world.”***

H. Beltran from Colombia  
Monterey Institute of International Studies  
Masters in International Business Administration

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***“Having worked in the US and in Europe, I feel very competent and see great potential for students from Latin America. Unfortunately qualified jobs are limited in some Latin American countries.”***

C. Castro from Peru  
Michigan State University  
Masters in Agriculture and Natural Resources

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***“It has broadened my perspective on diversity, economic development, and the practice of the law.”***

G. Sterling from Dominican Republic  
John Marshall Law School  
Masters in Intellectual Property Law

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***“I am in close collaboration with a network of scientist, which allows me to bring information and technology to my country.”***

A. Chavez from Peru  
University of Colorado  
Masters in Biotechnology

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***“My studies in the US provided me with the necessary analytical tools and a reference frame work.”***

C. Perez from Mexico  
University of Chicago  
Doctorate in Economics

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***“I work in exports, which directly helps with the growth of my country's economy.”***

R. Hernandez from Colombia  
Oklahoma City University  
Masters in Business Administration

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***“I've been working in transparency and government accountability issues in close collaboration with non-profit organizations. This work contributes to democratic consolidation in Mexico.”***

A. Oejo from Mexico  
New York University  
Masters in Public Policy and Non-profit  
Management

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***“As an individual, I have been enriched by a different culture and can appreciate the world with a different perspective.”***

C. Chaparro from Colombia  
University of Illinois  
Masters in Civil Engineering

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***“I got a better understanding of other experiences in the world, not only from my professors but also by interacting with my classmates. I***



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**am part of a network related with gender and the law that focuses specifically on reproductive health issues.”**

F. Martínez from Colombia,  
Florida International University  
Master in International Business Administration

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***“I contribute to my country by working with a financial institution that has among its aims sustainable development in the South American region.”***

M. Barrera from Ecuador  
American Graduate School of International  
Management  
Master in International Business Administration

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***“I contribute to my country by developing international standards of risk management practice and processes to several banks within Jamaica. Personally, I have become acquainted with international standards of hiring, work environment, efficiency and motivating employees.”***

C. Levy from Jamaica  
Florida International University  
Master in Finance

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***“Studying in the US has given me the distance to observe and the framework to be able to act and solve problems.”***

A. Hoogesteyn from Venezuela  
Cornell University  
Doctorate in Zoology

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***“On account of my international experiences in the USA and Africa, I became acculturated to some extent and have learned to appreciate similar or different cultures.”***

A. Isaac from Guyana  
Loma Linda University  
Master in Public Health

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***“Studying in the US has definitely been a turning point in my life at both levels (individually and professionally).”***

J. Alvarez from Costa Rica  
American University  
Master in International Legal Studies

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***“My major contributions to my country are in the construction of human and social capital as a university professor. I continue to grow a wide international network of peers while thinking globally and acting locally.”***

F. Lamus from Colombia,  
Tulane University  
Doctorate in Applied Development

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***“Studying in the US has given me a whole different perspective about life, how to get things done in a different country, and multicultural perspective.”***

J. Luque from Peru  
Duke University  
Master in Business Administration

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***“Studying in the US has been by far the most important experience of my life. It has opened my mind about the world.”***

R. De Sola from Venezuela  
American University  
Master in International Legal Studies

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***“I contribute to the betterment of my country by teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at a federal university in Brazil. I also write research papers and contribute to public policies. It was a great experience and I am a better person than before studying abroad.”***

A. Benetti from Brazil  
Cornell University  
Doctorate in Environmental Engineering

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***“Studying in the US has provided me with the expertise to assist children in my home community at the grassroots level with much needed speech language services.”***

C. Edwards-Henry from Jamaica  
Southern University  
Master in Speech Pathology

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***“My experience has impacted my life completely, from a personal and professional standpoint. What I studied helped me become what I am now professionally.”***

C. Santangelo from Argentina  
Harvard University  
Master in Public Administration

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***“Multinational countries value the work of Colombian nationals and allow them opportunities in management. This allows for knowledge transfers to the county. As a professional, I have expanded my vision of the world and also found that Colombia has a lot to offer.”***

M. Lorza from Colombia,  
Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of  
International Management  
Master in International Business Administration

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***“My academic and professional interests in human rights, humanitarian law, refugee law, and international criminal law may have contributed to further discussion on enforcement of such rights.”***

E. Santalla from Bolivia  
University of San Francisco  
Master in Law, LLM

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***“I have changed as an individual I have become more conscious about the needy. As a professional, I learned that developing trust in business relationships is the key to escalate the professional ladder.”***

D. Peralta from Peru  
Texas A & M University  
Doctorate in Civil Engineering



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***“I am able to positively contribute to a transforming sector with a new disposition to management. Studying in the US has provided me with wider exposure and an appreciation of best practices internationally. It also instilled in me a greater disciplined approach to work.”***

G. D’Aguilar from Jamaica  
Georgia State University  
Master in Business Administration

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***“While working for the hotel, I was teaching service seminars to servers at several restaurants. These are people of low income that would not be able to afford education in this field.”***

M. Hidalgo from Ecuador  
International College of Hospitality Management  
Associate, Hospitality Management

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***“Today I work as a commercial manager for an Aquaculture Business in Honduras. Through the products and services that we sell, thousands of large and small tilapia producers in central America benefit.”***

E. Suazo from Honduras  
Cornell University  
Master in International Agriculture and Rural  
Development

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***“Being able to shape public policy for the development of private sector.”***

D. Arias from Argentina  
Harvard University  
Master in Public Administration in International  
Development

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***“The experience I got in the US is extremely helpful to analyze such a complex situation in some of our countries. I have had the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world and learned not only techniques but how to interrelate with different people.”***

J. Alvaredo from Argentina



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Columbia University - MA in International Affairs

***“The experience of studying abroad has helped me understand the concepts of globalization and internationalization.”***

D. Conde from Colombia  
University of Connecticut  
Doctorate in Materials Science

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***“It allowed me to get a postgraduate education which obviously prepares oneself to be a better professional. Personally, living in a foreign country is a very valuable experience. I don't think I have made any notable contributions to Colombia's economic development.”***

F. Botero from Colombia,  
University of Chicago  
Master in Social Science

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***“It made me a more well-rounded professional and expanded my professional work.”***

L. Gomez from Peru  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Master in Public Policy and Management

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***“I have contributed to my country by offering skills pertaining to using computer systems and how they impact business. Studying in the US has given me a larger view of the world around me.”***

B. Skeete from Barbados  
Florida International University  
Master in Component Services

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***“It gave me a broad perspective about development, inequality, and power.”***

M. Piglo from Peru  
American University  
Master in Business Administration/ Finance





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***“Studying in the US showed me how good the education is in my home country, Colombia, and it gave me an exposure to a varied range of cultures and people that I otherwise wouldn't have.***

***I found in New Zealand a good opportunity to further my professional experience and to raise a family, but I hope to return to Colombia in a few years.”***

A. Jaramillo from Colombia  
 Utah State University  
 Master in Engineering

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***“I have contributed to my country by engaging in entrepreneurship activities in my country to further commercial interaction between my country and the rest of the world.”***

S. Carrillo from Colombia  
 University of Southern California  
 Master in Business Administration

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***“I have contributed to my country by founding a non-profit organization to help children in extreme poverty in Peru (www.sonrisasperu.org).”***

A. De Losada from Peru  
 University of Maryland  
 Master in Business Administration

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***“I have been able to make a significant contribution to the technical and theoretical level of both undergraduate and graduate students. Studying in the US gave me a completely different perspective of the career I was seeking and the way to master it.”***

P. Vivero from Ecuador  
 University of Illinois  
 Master in Economics

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***“I am more open to new cultures and different ways of thinking.”***

J. Castellanos from El Salvador  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 Master in Business Administration

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***“I was part of a small team in charge of designing and launching a major social program (A Trabajar Urbano) which has been recognized for promoting civil society participation in funds allocation.***

***Professionally I am now able to address social problems in my home country and in the Latin American region from a wider perspective. Individually, I am more tolerant to other cultures.”***

R. Sandoval from Peru  
University of Syracuse  
Master in Public Administration

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***“As an individual the experience studying in the US was good, as a professional not so much.”***

C. Barreto from Colombia  
Schiller International University  
Master in Business Administration

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***“I got more self-confidence and I understand how people around the world work and think. I’ve learned not to give up and to always see opportunities.”***

L. Ayala from Bolivia  
Kennesaw State University  
Master in Business Administration

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***“I have contributed to my country with knowledge of international markets and ways to reach them with our products and services and Understanding of other cultures and opportunities for business. It gave me a different version of the world and the possibilities of commerce.”***

D. Salazar from Colombia  
Johns Hopkins University  
Master in Marketing

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***“Studying abroad in a US university has allowed me to bring a broader mindset to local journalism. It has allowed me to meet a variety of people and live with a wide range of experiences that I wouldn't have lived otherwise. It was enriching both personally and professionally.”***

D. Mohor from Chile



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Argentina	Master in Journalism
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Barbados	* * * * *
Belize	
Bolivia	<b>"I have contributed to my country by widening the possibilities of providing high level legal services for US and South American based clients in the financing and development of infrastructure projects that have direct ties with US legal framework. I believe the skills I acquired make me a better professional now. As an individual it has opened my mind to the world outside my country and helped me understand things from a global perspective."</b>
Brazil	
Canada	
Chile	
Colombia	
Costa Rica	
Cuba	
Dominica	
Dominican Republic	J. Inchauste from Bolivia
Ecuador	Georgetown University
El Salvador	Master in Law
Grenada	
Guatemala	* * * * *
Guyana	<b>"It opened the door wide to learn about different cultures and views."</b>
Haiti	
Honduras	A. Galindo from Argentina
Jamaica	American University
Mexico	Master in Law, LLM
Nicaragua	
Panama	* * * * *
Paraguay	<b>"As a developer, I am planning to create many projects in Mexico and get many investors from the US. I will focus on US investors willing to do business in Mexico."</b>
Peru	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Saint Lucia	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	C, Gomez from Mexico
Suriname	Arizona State University
Trinidad and Tobago	Master in Construction
United States of America	* * * * *
Uruguay	
Venezuela	<b>"I have worked in the IT sector for a few years and contributed by being part of the workforce in my country. My studies in the US helped me move up in my field even though my area of study was not related. Studying in the US made me more aware, better organized, and a deeper thinker."</b>
	K. Mangatal from Jamaica
	Florida International University
	Master in Business Administration
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***“When I finished my masters degree I was accepted into the PhD program at UNC. I am working on a research project about volcanic eruptions in my country. “***

M. Ruiz from Ecuador

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***“Besides being a part-time professor teaching several courses on thermal sciences at a local university, I founded my own company which manufactures thermal equipment for the local market.”***

V. Adum from Ecuador

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***“Studying in the US has been a great experience because it has allowed me to learn more about different cultures. As a professional, I learned many new things at great depth.”***

J. Carrion from Ecuador

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***“At present I am in the last year of my PHD. After obtaining my degree I expect to obtain a position as a full-time professor in my home country. There is no question of the significance of studying abroad. It has given me the opportunity to interact with an impressive diversity of scientists and non-scientists with very different skills.”***

J. Guayasamin from Ecuador

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***“It changed my point of view of culture, personal behavior and let me improve professionally in Ecuador.”***

A. Rigail from Ecuador

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***“After returning to my country of origin, Peru, I worked for the Ministry of Economy, contributing in public policy issues. Now I work for an international development organization in rural development. I can not conceive myself or my career without the international experience I gained when studying in the USA.”***

L. Hitze from Peru  
North Carolina State University  
Doctorate in Economics



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Argentina	<b><i>"Studying in the US was an extraordinary experience "</i></b>
The Bahamas	C. Green from Argentina
Barbados	University of Pennsylvania
Belize	Master in Law, LLM
Bolivia	
Brazil	
Canada	<b><i>"Publishing and doing research in exercise science. Pursuing a PhD not offered in Argentina. I visited over twenty countries, met my wife and erased limits to what I could accomplish both professionally and personally."</i></b>
Chile	M. Palavicini from Argentina
Colombia	California State University, Fresno
Costa Rica	Master in Kinesiology
Cuba	
Dominica	* * * * *
Dominican Republic	<b><i>"I was able to achieve all of my dreams."</i></b>
Ecuador	V. Rojas from Chile
El Salvador	University of Texas, Austin
Grenada	Doctorate in Journalism
Guatemala	
Guyana	* * * * *
Haiti	<b><i>"It was very beneficial. It made me understand cultural differences. Professionally, it opened more doors to find better jobs."</i></b>
Honduras	M. Weckenmann from Ecuador
Jamaica	Oklahoma City University
Mexico	Master in International Business Administration
Nicaragua	* * * * *
Panama	<b><i>"Knowing the language and having a degree from a US university is definitely a plus."</i></b>
Paraguay	C. Hernandez, from Colombia,
Peru	Texas A & M University
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Master in Engineering
Saint Lucia	* * * * *
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	<b><i>"I started the Fund for Development of Brazil, which I preside over nowadays. The fund finances the creation of strategic infrastructure such as schools, health establishments, libraries, parks, etc."</i></b>
Suriname	R. Mareno from Brazil
Trinidad and Tobago	George Washington University
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***“An adequate institutional framework has a positive influence on economic growth. For example, to establish a simple regulation (decreasing the bureaucratic steps) to create new business promotes job creation. Studying in the US helped me to better understand cultural differences.”***

N. Luzi from Argentina  
American University  
Master in Law, LLM

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***“I am working for a non-profit organization that works in the interest of coffee growers of Colombia.”***

A. Osorio from Colombia,  
Georgetown University  
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