

Yazmín Vidal, winner of the Charlotte de Grünberg Scholarship, with the selection jury.

1 NO POVERTY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1

No Poverty

Access to university should not depend on family income. In 2025 ORT launched its most ambitious scholarship to date, kept expanding entrepreneurship programmes for women and migrants, and placed its students' skills at the service of people living in vulnerable conditions.

100%

tuition plus a monthly stipend: the new Charlotte de Grünberg Scholarship

31.9%

of new undergraduates came from public high schools (27.9% in 2024)

479

computers and monitors donated to close the digital divide

TEACHING & LEARNING

Charlotte de Grünberg Scholarship

Launched on 20 August 2025 in honour of Charlotte de Grünberg, the university's Director General from 1977 to 2024, this competitive scholarship covers 100% of the cost of a university degree plus a monthly stipend of UYU 30,000 for the whole programme. It was open to final-year secondary students under 20 from across the country. More than 100 students sat the written test on 28 November; selection combined the test, academic record, socioeconomic context and motivation, before a jury that included former minister María Julia Muñoz, Plan Ceibal founder Miguel Brechner and writer Ruperto Long. On 18 December Yazmín Vidal, from Colonia del Sacramento, was named winner and will study Architecture; finalists María Elena Mieres (Rivera), Sebastián Geribone (Montevideo) and Bautista Cobas (San José) received 80% scholarships. ort.edu.uy/novedades/ganadora-de-la-beca-charlotte-de-grunberg

A standing scholarship system

Need-based and merit-based scholarship funds continue to operate for every degree, with awards assessed through the Academic Aptitude Test and a sworn income statement, and personal interviews for students from the interior of the country.

Sustainability content in the curriculum

Courses such as Innovación Social (social innovation and impact investing) and Procesos Migratorios Contemporáneos address poverty, exclusion and the economic dimension of sustainable development.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Financial inclusion

Faculty from the School of Management and Social Sciences published research on financial inclusion and its impact on payments, savings and credit, and on the Uruguayan financial inclusion programme.

Natural disasters and household wealth

Research presented at the VII Workshop on Environmental Economics and Climate Change (Buenos Aires) and the XXII RIDGE Forum (Montevideo) analysed the impact of natural disasters on wealth.

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

Entrepreneurship for women and migrants

The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) and the National Institute of Employment and Vocational Training (INEFOP) ran the 22nd edition of Arena Emprendedora for local and migrant women (29 April–29 August, 19 virtual sessions), and a new online programme, Red de oportunidades emprendedoras para mujeres, which pre-incubates the five best women-led initiatives. cie.ort.edu.uy/novedades/forma-parte-de-la-22-edicion-de-arena-empr...

Design for people experiencing homelessness

Interior Design students developed proposals for Proyecto La Olla, a community centre of Asociación Civil Hogar de Cristo that will feed and support people living on the street and migrants, turning a car park into a kitchen, dining room and clothing-distribution space.

Building a community hall

Architecture students in Construction Procedures 4 and the dry-construction elective built a new social hall and dining room for Auriblanco Basketball Club, which works on youth inclusion through sport and rehabilitation of people with disabilities.

Closing the digital divide

ORT donated 479 IT units (233 monitors and 246 CPUs) to Antel Integra, which refurbishes equipment and redistributes it to people in vulnerable contexts across Uruguay. ort.edu.uy/novedades/ort-dona-equipos-informaticos-a-proyecto-antel...

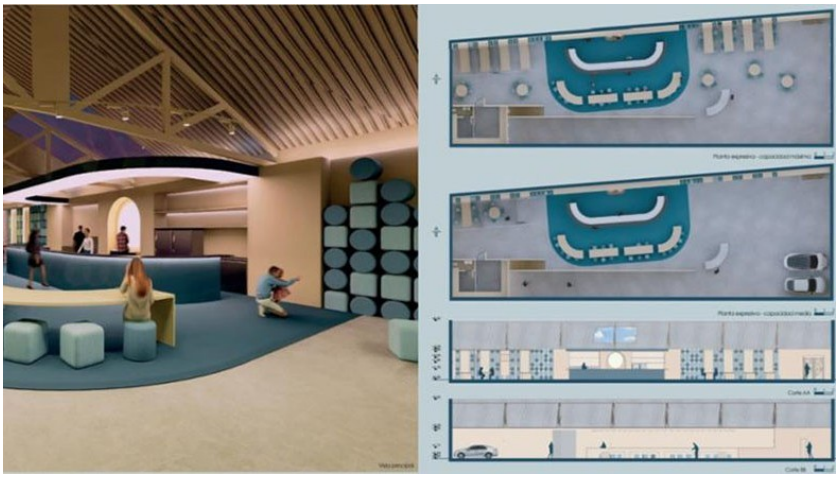
A school for Senegal

Fiorella Rossi, Mateo Montenegro and Belén Suárez, Architecture students in Project 5, were among the 35 finalists, from entries in more than 20 countries, of the Kaira Looro 2025 competition run by the humanitarian organization Balouo Salo. The brief was a nursery school for rural southern Senegal with five classrooms for 20 children each, an infirmary, dining room and play area; the jury highlighted its inclusive approach and cultural sensitivity. fa.ort.edu.uy/novedades/estudiantes-de-arquitectura-fueron-finalist...

1 course offerings linked to SDG 1 in 2025

- Medio Ambiente, Desarrollo y Negociación Internacional (Management)

A scholarship that opens the door to university



Student proposals for Proyecto La Olla, a community centre of Asociación Civil Hogar de Cristo, exhibited at the School of Architecture.

On 20 August 2025 Universidad ORT Uruguay launched the Charlotte de Grünberg Scholarship, a tribute to the university's Director General between 1977 and 2024. It is the most comprehensive award the university has ever offered: it covers 100% of the cost of a university degree and adds a monthly stipend of UYU 30,000 for the entire programme, starting in March 2026, so that cost of living is not a barrier to studying.

The competition was open to students in the final year of upper secondary education anywhere in Uruguay, under 20 years old and with high academic performance. The written test, held on 28 November, drew more than 100 students from across the country and was inspired by La niña que miraba los trenes partir, the novel by engineer Ruperto Long. Selection combined the test, academic record, socioeconomic context and personal motivation.

The jury brought together Ruperto Long; Miguel Brechner, founder of Plan Ceibal; Dr. María Julia Muñoz, former Minister of Education and Culture and of Public Health; Prof. Gabriel Quirici, National Director of Education at the Ministry of Education and Culture; and Dr. Denise Vaillant, Dean of the Institute of Education.

On 18 December Yazmín Vidal, from Colonia del Sacramento, was announced as the winner and will study Architecture. Finalists María Elena Mieres (Rivera), Sebastián Geribone (Montevideo) and Bautista Cobas (San José) received 80% scholarships, three of the four coming from outside Montevideo. In parallel, a Charlotte de Grünberg Scholarship with the National Academy of Medicine opened the Master in Education to a physician who teaches surgery.

SELECTED 2025 PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS BY ORT FACULTY

1. Gandelman, N., Lluberas, R., & Misail, D. (2025). Financial inclusion and its impact on payment, savings, and credit. International Review of Economics and Finance, 100, 18 p.
2. Gandelman, N., Roldán, F., & Viera, S. (2025). The impact of multi-acquiring in the payment system: Evidence from the Uruguayan financial inclusion program. Journal of Regulatory Economics, 68, 146-172.
3. Acerenza, S., Gandelman, N., & Misail, D. (2025). Neighborhood impacts on human capital accumulation of adolescents and young adults in Montevideo. Regional Science and Urban Economics, 111, 14 p.
4. Davies, J. B., & Lluberas, R. (2025, 8-9 de diciembre). The impact of natural disasters on wealth in the United States. [Presentación de artículo]. XXII RIDGE Forum. VII Workshop on Environmental Economics, Montevideo, Uruguay.