

My Experience as a President Nestor Kirchner Fellow (en ingles)  
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The PNK Fellowship has been a crucial step for my professional, academic and personal growth. During the two weeks in New York I met professors and scholars whose experiences and opinions have greatly enriched my research. Many of the people I met are people I've cited frequently in my research, so the opportunity to connect with people whose work I've been following for years was an invaluable opportunity.

I also had the opportunity to share my work with various non-academic experts and to visit organizations related to my field of study. This allowed me to discover similarities and differences in comparison with the Peruvian reality and thus has given me a broader perspective on matters such as the electoral systems, the organization of election processes, women's political participation and other topics of my interest.

The coordination of the Observatory on Latin America was crucial to the success of my fellowship experience. They managed to establish contact with various specialists, which I met with individually and in small seminars. The seminars, which took places prior to the public lecture, were spaces of high academic discussion related to my work. They also fostered new lines of research that have allowed me to expand my academic work.

The experience of the public lecture was very rewarding. It was attended by a large number of participants who expressed their interest (through their questions and active participation during the event) in the progress and remaining tasks concerning the inclusion of women in Peruvian politics, the topic of my research.

I highly recommend the PNK Fellowship to all Latin American professionals because of the high academic standard offered, for the opportunity to share Latin American experiences and initiatives, as well as for the unique chance to enhance our professional and academic abilities which will affect the quality of the public service we provide for the development of our countries.

Thank you PNK Fellowship!