

Bright Minds Fellowship: Question 5

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Question. *How has your diversity (cultural heritage, race, gender, socio-economic background, family, work, and/or school experiences etc.) contributed to who you are today and your pursuit of a Master's degree? Please upload your answer as a pdf document.*

Andalucía is one of the poorest regions of Spain, with a 47,9% young unemployment rate. Culturally, a different and traditionally marginalized dialect of Spanish is spoken. The lack of local opportunities of job and the high rates of unemployment have made it necessary for me and many others to try to look for better opportunities abroad. I hope that a high quality education abroad will help me to serve my region in the future.

As my father is a teacher of philosophy and history of music interested in the Andalusian culture, I have studied music and I have grown very influenced by this cultural heritage. Continuing my mathematical studies at Utrecht in a diverse community of international students would provide me a wider cultural perspective.