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Voces Internship of Idaho Announces Exciting Partnership with The Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism

BOISE – [Voces Internship of Idaho](#) is proud to announce it is the recipient of The Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism’s inaugural grant which will fund one paid internship for Spring 2023. The Ñ Fund’s grant will support a paid internship at BoiseDev for Mariela Esquivel-Rodriguez, a junior at Northwest Nazarene University.

The Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism is a fund established in 2022 by Philadelphia Inquirer columnist Helen Ubiñas, through the [Philadelphia Foundation](#).

Ubiñas created The Ñ Fund earlier this year to award grants to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to contribute to the advancement of Latinas in journalism. [Ubiñas noted that a catalyst for creating the fund was that](#) Latinas are still underrepresented in newsrooms as journalists, but even more so as columnists, and as a columnist herself, she felt the need to put action to her call for better representation.

"I am thrilled to award Voces Internship of Idaho our first-ever grant to help increase Latino representation in the media. All over our nation, there are large Latino populations who do not see themselves reflected in the stories told about them — often without them," Ubiñas said. "My hope with The Ñ Fund is that ongoing partnerships with organizations like Voces will help change that."

Ubiñas said she is excited at the prospect of using The Ñ Fund's inaugural award to fund an internship in a state where the Latina population is still not widely reflected in newsrooms, but where significant progress has been made.

"Voces is doing exactly what I hope The Ñ Fund can continue to do going forward: Increase representation in newsrooms across the country," Ubiñas explained.

Voces also selected KVTB reporter and Voces advisory council member Brenda Rodriguez to mentor Esquivel-Rodriguez, providing her with support, training, resources, and career guidance to ensure success in the internship and help further Esquivel-Rodriguez’s career.

"We’re so grateful there are organizations like The Ñ Fund willing to invest in Voces’ dreams to provide young Latina journalists like Mariela a chance for paid journalism training in their own communities," said Nicole Foy, the co-founder of Voces Internship of Idaho. "We can’t wait to see what Mariela does with this opportunity."

Voces Internship of Idaho is fiscally sponsored by Surel’s Place, a Boise nonprofit, and all donations are tax-deductible. To donate, go to vocesinternship.com. Donations to The Ñ Fund can be made through the [Philadelphia Foundation’s website](#).

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Voces Internship of Idaho was formed in 2022 to increase Latino representation in Idaho by joining community members as mentors, donors, volunteers, and supporters to provide more equitable opportunities for Latino young adults to pursue a career in news journalism.