

## The Fundación Cepsa Chair announces its awards for innovation and research at the UCA

- **The Fundación Cepsa Chair recognizes Vanessa Ripoll, Ismael Rodríguez and Silvia Puerta for their talent and hard work**
- **The aim of the Fundación Cepsa Chair is to promote and incentivize education, research and the transfer of technology.**

The Fundación Cepsa Chair has announced the winners of its 2020 awards at the Universidad de Cádiz (UCA). Awards are given for academic degree theses, research projects, patents and publications related to the energy and sustainability sector.

The committee of experts decided to award a prize to these projects for their innovation and originality, their scientific-technological approach, and their importance and applicability.

This year, the Chair's joint committee has awarded Vanessa Ripoll Morales in the Scientific-Technical Article category for her article: *Enhancing the biomethanization potential of sewage sludge through co-digestion with waste water from a sherry distillery*

Silvia Puerto Moreno has also been recognized in the Bachelor's Thesis category for her project *Designing a hydrothermal liquefaction reactor for sewage sludge treatment*.

Lastly, Ismael Rodríguez Maestre has been awarded in the invention patents category for his work *Hybrid Solar Thermal-Electric Modular Collector Device that can be integrated into Building Envelopes*.

This meeting of the Joint Commission was attended by María Jesús Mosquera, the Vice-Rector of Scientific and Technology Policy at UCA, and part of her team, as well as the Vice-Rector from the Bahía de Algeciras Campus. Since its inception in 2005, the Cátedra Prize's activity has focused on promoting and incentivizing aspects linked to education, research, outreach and the transfer of knowledge. The relationship between the University of Cadiz and Cepsa dates back to the founding of the Algeciras University School of Technical Industrial Engineering, and gained momentum when the School became the Higher Polytechnic School in 1988. Since then, the two institutions have collaborated on numerous occasions, and have signed a wide range of specific agreements.

Cepsa continues to work alongside academia. The Fundación Cepsa-managed chairs at the universities of Huelva, Seville and Cadiz are growing thanks to the contributions and dedication of professionals from all these organizations to improve training, innovation and research.

The Fundación Cepsa Chairs in Andalusia have helped thousands of students to gain first-hand experience in a real working environment, while bringing university professors closer to the reality of industry in Andalusia. Exchanges between technicians and professors have allowed them to hone their skills and apply their newly gained expertise in their daily work. For all these reasons, today Cepsa is a great ally of universities in Andalusia.

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