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Biography (up to 250 words maximum)

Miss. Elizondo was born in 1992, in Costa Rica. She received her BSc in Chemistry and her MSc in Chemistry from the University of Costa Rica, focusing on Hydroxyapatite nanoparticles field. Since 2016, she is working as a Research, Development and Innovation Scientist, at Establishment Labs, a public medical devices company located in Costa Rica, being part of different Research Projects related to interesting topics for the breast implants field.

In 2015, she was part of the first generation of Science Diplomacy and Leadership Program hosted by the CSPO at Arizona State University and the AAAS, addressed to scientific Latin-American youth with the purpose of presenting the Science Diplomacy as a tool to tackle regional and global challenges. At the same year, she was awarded with an UNESCO scholarship to attend the World Science Forum 2015 in Budapest.

In 2017 she participated in the World Science Forum in Jordan as a Young Researcher; that year she became an ICoRSA member, an organization that aims to provide a voice for researchers at an international level. In 2018, she was selected as part of the ICoRSA Board of Directors.

Yessica considers herself as a Latin-American young scientist and empowered woman, that wants to promote Science Diplomacy and Sustainable Development Goals, taking science beyond the typical structures to society, facing global challenges, making real changes and impacting the world in a positive way.

