

Mexican winner announced as José Pablo Avalos

José Pablo Avalos, an engineering student from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico, winner of the 2017 INFINITI Engineering Academy. José wins an opportunity of a lifetime with INFINITI and Renault Sport Formula One™ Team.

Selected from thousands of entries and having an edge over the nine other finalists from around the country, the 22-year-old Avalos, from Queretaro, Mexico, will move to the UK in October, complete with travel, accommodation, access to an INFINITI company car, a salary and the possibility to work alongside world-leading engineers at the cutting edge of the automotive and motorsport industries.

Avalos, who is a Mechanical and Administrative Engineering student, will spend six months working at six months working at INFINITI's European Technical Center (Cranfield) and Renault Formula One Team's Technical Center in the UK (Enstone). He will play a key role in the ongoing transfer of technical knowledge and expertise between Renault Sport Formula One Team and INFINITI.

Avalos commented on his win "When my name got called out as the INFINITI Engineering Academy winner, I really couldn't believe it. This is a once in a lifetime chance to get to the pinnacle of motorsports".

The INFINITI Engineering Academy, now in its fourth year, is a one-of-a-kind global search for the world's best up-and-coming engineers. For 2017, seven placements are available with one winner chosen each from Asia-Pacific, Canada, China, Europe (incl. Russia), Mexico, United Arab Emirates and US, to work with INFINITI and Renault Sport Formula One Team. The 2017 edition of the Academy attracted over 12,000 registrations from 41 different countries, setting a new record with a near-threefold increase on last year.