

CALL FOR THE PROGRAM "BECA COLOMBIA" POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGNERS IN COLOMBIA 2019

Country: Colombia

Program: Financial grants offered to foreign citizens of all nationalities. The scholarships are aimed to foreign professionals who do not have dual nationality (colombian nationality), who are not residing in Colombia and who have admission to a non-virtual program of specialization, master or PhD of the Catalog of Academic Offer General Call 2019. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: • Be a foreign citizen. • Do not have colombian nationality. • Do not have residency in Colombia or having started already studies in Colombia. • Not be over 50 years old. • Have a GPA of 4.0 out of 5.0 or its equivalent in the colombian scale to apply to the call. • Have a professional or bachelor's degree. • Have admission to at least a graduate program that is in the Catalog of Academic Offer General Call 2019. The candidate can submit up to 3 letters of admission to these programs. The documents must be sent in physical form to the ICETEX offices in Bogotá. Address: Carrera 3 No 18-32. Virtual files or files that arrive at ICETEX after June 28, 2019 will not be evaluated. It is necessary for foreign candidates to carefully read the call and send to ICETEX only the required documents. Authenticated or notarized copies are accepted, according to the authorities of each country of origin. No original documents are required.

Oferer: Colombia Government

Title to obtain Specialist or Master or PhD (depending on the academic program)

Language: Spanish

	CLASS	OBSERVATIONS
Scholarships	FULL SCHOLARSHIP	50 scholarships are addressed to all countries except to Ecuador, because there is a call for ecuadorians. Travel expenses, admission costs to Colombian universities, air tickets, or any other expense not described in this call will not be covered.

Deadline for submission of documents 28th June 2019

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Selection criteria Grade Point Average (GPA).
Coherence between the academic trajectory, work experience and academic program
Professional working experience
Study Project

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	LEVEL	TEACHING MODALITY
Level and mode	Doctorate/ PhD.	Classroom courses
	Specialization	Classroom courses
	Master	Classroom courses

Scholarship coverage

TUITION FEES: 100% coverage of all these costs granted by the Colombian universities (only for academic programs found in the catalog of this call).

STIPEND FOR BOOKS AND MATERIALS: ICETEX will grant \$425.400 COP for books and materials. This value will be canceled when initiating studies and if the program lasts more than one year, this value will be canceled once for each year of studies that is completed.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Medical and hospital assistance in Colombia that includes repatriation in case of disability or death. This assistance is only covered during the study period in Colombia and only the scholarship holder, is not extended to family members.

MONTHLY ALLOWANCE: ICETEX will support each foreign scholarship holder with a monthly support for a value of three minimum legal monthly salaries, equivalent to \$2.484.348 COP, for the year 2019. * Note: For each year the adjustment will be made according to the salary increase minimum decreed by the Ministry of Labor of Colombia.

INSTALLATION COSTS: ICETEX will grant \$425.000 COP in the first disbursement, for once during the duration of the academic program.

COURTESY VISA: ICETEX will send letters to the consulates of Colombia abroad for the issuance of the "V" type courtesy visa (visitor) to the selected foreign scholars.

INCIDENTAL: Grant of \$221.384 for once, during the period of studies, just in case of circumstances beyond the beneficiary control.

Required documents

DOCUMENTS	QUANTITY	OBSERVATIONS
ADMISSION LETTER FROM THE COLOMBIAN UNIVERSITY	1	The letter of preadmission or final admission to the academic program must be issued by the colombian university to which the foreign candidate applied, and must specify the start and end dates of the academic program. The candidate can submit from one to three letters and must establish the order of priority of each academic program. All admission letters should be for programs that begin in the second semester of 2019. Admission letters will not be accepted to programs that begin in 2020, or in later years.
ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION LETTER	1	This letter must be issued by a professor at the university where he completed his undergraduate or graduate studies. This letter must be dated 2019. No letters from previous years will be received.
DELE "TEST"	1	The DELE is an international exam to certify the Spanish language level. The candidate should present this proficiency test (DELE), with a minimum B2 level or another spanish certificate such as the SIELE, that supports the level of Spanish language (spoken and written). NOTE: This document is only required for citizens from non-Spanish-speaking countries. If the candidate comes from a non-Spanish-speaking country, but has a university degree from an institution in a Spanish-speaking country, it will not be necessary to present the DELE.
CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC GRADES WITH GPA	1	Document certifying undergraduate studies in which a minimum GPA is of 4 out of 5 or its equivalent to the colombian grades scale must be accredited. It is necessary that the university where the candidate studied certifies the scale of qualifications where the minimum passing grade is recorded, in order to be able to establish a comparison with the colombian qualification system. This document may be evaluated in Spanish or English, if your original language is not one of these two, you must attach official translation to Spanish or English.
ESSAY	1	Essay of no more than two (2) pages asserting the importance of studying in Colombia and the impact of that experience in the personal and

		professional life and how will be the application when the applicant returns to its country of origin.
COPY OF CURRENT PASSPORT	1	Copy of the first page of the current passport (valid for at least one year). This copy must be from the page in which the applicant's information and the photo appear.
CERTIFIED COPY OR AUTHENTICATION OF DEGREE TITLE.	1	The copy of the diploma must be certified by the university of origin or it may be notarized. IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT attach a copy of short courses or workshops.
CURRICULUM VITAE	1	CV document that references undergraduate, postgraduate and professional experiences. It can be in any format, but maximum of two pages.
HEALTH CERTIFICATE	1	The health certificate must indicate your state of physical and mental health. It cannot be longer than thirty days at the time of applying to the call. It must have the signature and seal of the doctor who issues the certificate.
DOCUMENT PROVING THE APPLICATION TO THIS CALL	1	When starting the application, the candidate must fill out the entire virtual form found on the link: https://portal.icetex.gov.co/Portal/Home/HomeEstudiante/becas/programa-de-reciprocidad-para-extranjeros-en-colombia/becas-para-posgrado/ IMPORTANT: Once completed this form, the candidate must select the option "Save/Guardar" that is at the end of the form. Then you must choose the option "Send/Enviar" for the application to be received in the system, this option generates the documents "Certificate and summary of application". The candidate must select the option "Print/Imprimir" immediately. Then a file is generated that must be saved and printed by the candidate and included in the application file that will be delivered to the ICETEX office. The candidate must be registered in the system to be considered and evaluated; therefore, he must deliver this document in his file along with the other documents requested.
CERTIFICATES OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	1	Certifications of professional experience of at least one year are required. These must contain the positions performed, the duration and the functions performed. (It is valid to attach certifications of internships, practices or labor contracts).

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Postgraduate scholarships in Colombia will have a maximum of twelve (12) months for specialization and twenty-four (24) months to master and up to forty-eight (48) months for doctorate/PHD. The scholarship holder of doctorates that last more than 4 years have to assume by themselves the allowance for the rest of the program. Nevertheless, the Colombian university will cover all the tuition fees during the whole program and ICETEX will cover the health insurance and courtesy visa.

2. The scholarships are awarded on an annual term, for that reason, for more than 12 months academic programs (master and doctorate) the scholar must request an extension for his second year. The extension is subject to the requirements of the ICETEX. It is clear that ICETEX has no financial obligation to cover the economic expenses incurred once the academic program has ended. The scholarship does not cover the period of degree work, neither internships or field studies.

3. If for some reason the applicant renounces to the scholarship, a formal and justified letter must be sent by the applicant and may not apply in a period of two years to the call of scholarships for foreigners.

4. Applications from foreigners who are currently living in Colombia, who are studying graduate studies or working in Colombia will not be considered.

5. If the candidate is selected, the change of academic program or university is not allowed and the only letter that will be taken into account for the scholarship will be the initially letter submitted by the applicant.
6. For the selected students, the Government of Colombia will provide a courtesy visa, for that reason the selected student should not apply to a student visa. This status does not allow any work activity.
7. Under no circumstances the documents submitted by the candidate for this program will not be returned to the candidate.
8. The process of admission to Colombian universities has to be done by the applicant from their country of origin and before submitting the scholarship application to the ICETEX. Each candidate will be responsible for the cost of this procedure for admission to the respective university or universities.
9. The degree work or research work should be developed based on a priority issue for Colombia and completed within the regular period of study, since no additional extensions are granted for concluding it.
10. The deadline for the application is **28th June 2019** (If the applicant didn't apply through the page, the application will not be evaluated by the committee). Required documents, which are detailed in this call, should be at ICETEX on the date indicated in the notice. No documents will be received outside the established dates.
11. The documents required in this call must be translated into Spanish. The translation must be official. It is not allowed that candidates translate the documents by themselves.
12. For the academic programs offered by the Colombian academic institutions involving the displacement of the student abroad of Colombia, the living expenses, health and others, shall be assumed by the student's own resources.
13. It is recommended to have sufficient resources to support living expenses during the first month and a half, equivalent to 950 USD
14. Candidates who have been granted a scholarship by ICETEX cannot apply for another international scholarship of ICETEX.
15. The coverage of the scholarship is effective from the date of starting of academic program informed by the University in the admission letter. The scholarship does not cover any period before the program, or after the student complete the same period. If the student decides to travel before the costs will be covered with its own resources.
17. Neither the coverage of the scholarship, or the Courtesy Visa or the health insurance are extended to Spouses and children. If the beneficiary is married and has children traveling with him, all the visa procedures, health insurance and living expenses will be responsibility of the beneficiary.
18. The participation of foreign professionals who have colombian nationality is not allowed.