

SCHOLARSHIPS IN COLOMBIA FOR FOREIGNERS

Country	Colombia	
Program	Grants offered to non-Colombians in reciprocity for international cooperation received by Colombia under Educational Exchange Agreements.	
Offered by	GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA	
Language(s)	Spanish	
No. offered	TYPE	COMMENTS
	COMPLETE	Addressed to countries with active educational cooperation under framework agreements and inter-institutional agreements signed by ICETEX with some higher-education institutions. The countries in the framework agreement are, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Chile, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand. There are inter-institutional agreements with some institutions in the following: Australia, Brazil , Costa Rica, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Jamaica, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Spain Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, United States and the Province of Quebec.
Date for Reception (yr-mo-day)	2011-11-30	
Profiles of candidates	Professionals up to 35 years old with a first degree (or licentiate) in a range of disciplines, of high academic quality and at least one year's professional experience in their field of study. Candidates must be proficient in Spanish (read, write and speak).	
Criteria for preliminary selection	Academic and professional profile of the candidate	
	Level of study to be taken	
	Study proposal	
	Reciprocity in Educational Cooperation	
Level and mode	Academic excellence	
	LEVEL	MODE
	Doctorate	ON CAMPUS
	Specialization	ON CAMPUS
	Masters	ON CAMPUS

Expenses covered by the Program	MONTHLY STIPEND Col\$1,608,800 (approx. US\$800)			
	SETTLING-IN EXPENSES Col\$275.000 (approx. US\$140) lump sum.			
	ENROLMENT Covers 100% of the enrolment fee of the Colombian higher education institution (only for academic programs in the offer)			
	HEALTH COVER Broad cover for medical assistance anywhere in Colombia.			
	STIPEND FOR BOOKS AND MATERIALS ** Col\$278.000 (approx. US\$145) lump sum			
	CONTINGENCY Col\$145.000 (approx. US\$75), lump sum			
Documents required	DOCUMENT	QUANTITY	COMMENTS	ATTACHED
	ICETEX FORM	1	To be completed in full and legibly.	Download
	UNIVERSITY ADMISSION LETTER	1	The firm letter of admission to the academic program, issued by the Colombian university. (The attached file contains a list of universities and programs offered).	Download
	COPY OF PASSPORT	1	Attach a copy of the used pages of the passport	
	CERTIFIED COPY OF UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATION	1	Certification of the qualification by the competent authority in your country.	
	CERTIFICATE OF WORK EXPERIENCE	1	The certificate must show the post occupied or time and functions performed.	
	EXAMINATION (DELE)	1	Show certificate of the examination of proficiency in Spanish, at least to B2 level (Only for candidates from Non-Spanish speaking countries).	
	HEALTH CERTIFICATE	1	The health certificate must show the state of physical and mental health, not more than 30 days old at the date of application.	
	MARKS TRANSCRIPT	1	First degree/licentiate marks transcript. (Your university must certify the scale of scores and the pass mark, in order to be able to make a comparison with the Colombian scoring system)	

CURRICULUM VITAE	1	Maximum two pages	
ACADEMIC LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION	1	The letter must be issued by a professor of the university where you studied.	
ESSAY	1	Academic essay of a maximum of two pages arguing the importance of studying in Colombia and the impact it would have on your personal and professional development and its application upon your return to your country of origin.	
LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION	1	The official letter of introduction for citizens of framework agreement countries must be issued by the Foreign Ministry or government agency responsible for educational matters. For citizens of countries with inter-institutional agreements with ICETEX, the letter should be issued by the foreign higher education institution with which ICETEX signed the agreement. The official letter of introduction, whether from the government agency or from the institution of higher education with an agreement with ICETEX, must recommend the student for the Scholarship Program and explain the importance of taking graduate studies in Colombia.	
RECORD OF APPLICATION FOR THIS INVITATION	1	This record is automatically generated upon successful completion of the on-line application, to be printed and attached to the other documents.	

Notes

1. Graduate scholarships are awarded for a maximum of 12 months for Specialization programs, 24 months for Masters and 36 months for Doctorate.

2. Scholarships are given for one year. If the academic program chosen takes more than one year, the student must apply for a renewal for the second (or third). Renewals will be subject to requirements set by ICETEX.

3. Once studies have been started, the student may not withdraw. The student must therefore make sure that he or she has a thorough knowledge of the academic program applied for.

4. Foreign students with Colombian nationality will not be accepted.

6. Neither the Program nor the University chosen by the student may be changed after the candidate has been selected, and only the final letter of admission presented with the ICETEX application will be taken into account

7. The Colombian Government will issue a Courtesy Visa to the students selected, who should therefore NOT process a Student Visa. This status is a bar to any kind of employment.

8. Documents presented by the candidate for the Program will not be returned.

9. The student must complete the process of admission from his or her country of origin before applying for an ICETEX scholarship. The candidate will pay the cost of the university admission process.

10. The degree paper or research work must be developed on a topic of priority interest for Colombia, and completed within the regular period of study: no extensions beyond that time will be made.

11. Please consult the list of foreign higher education institutions which have agreements with ICETEX on www.icetex.gov.co, in the link *Programas y becas internacionales > Convenios de Cooperación Académica Internacional*

12. The deadline for applications in the system is November 30, 2011 (If the application is not made on line, it will not be evaluated by the Committee). The documents required, as detailed in this invitation must reach ICETEX by December 16, 2011.