PROGRAM FOR FOREIGNERS

Colombia
2024-II

Beca Colombia
The program is for foreigners who wish to advance their postgraduate studies in Colombia, as well as for foreigners from non-Spanish-speaking countries who need to strengthen the Spanish language to carry out postgraduate studies in Colombia.

**RECIPIROCY SCHOLARSHIPS OFFER TWO TYPES OF APPLICATIONS:**

1. For foreigners who wish to pursue postgraduate studies in specialization, master's, and doctorate degrees.

2. For foreigners from non-Spanish speaking countries who wish to carry out postgraduate studies in specialization, master's, and doctorate degrees in public and private Colombian higher education institutions and who need to strengthen the Spanish language to carry out postgraduate studies in Colombia.
The scholarships for postgraduate studies in Colombia will have a maximum duration according to the modality as follows:

- **Perfectioning of Spanish**: Up to 6 months
- **Specialization**: Up to 18 months (3 academic semesters)
- **Master’s**: Up to 24 months (4 academic semesters)
- **Doctorate**: Up to 48 months (8 academic Semesters)
BENEFITS:

- Tuition fees
- Medical Insurance
- Courtesy visa
- Books and materials expenses
- Installation expenses
- Foreign identification “Cedula de Extranjería” expense
- Living Expenses/ monthly support
**Requirements:**

- Be a foreign citizen
- Not have Colombian nationality
- Not be residing, nor have resided the last 6 months prior to applying for the scholarship in Colombian territory or have started studies in Colombia at the time of application to the corresponding call.
- Not having been a beneficiary of ICETEX through the Beca Colombia program.
- Not be older than 50 years.
- Have a cumulative general average of 4.0 out of 5.0 in undergraduate to apply the call. According to the grading scale of each country, the note must be equivalent to a minimum of 4.0 for the Colombian scale. *It is not valid to present postgraduate average.*
- In case of being selected, scholars can be asked by ICETEX to provide the Certificate of Migratory Movements, with a date no greater than 30 days at the time of entering Colombian territory.
- Have admission to at least between one and three postgraduate programs found in the Academic Offer Catalog 2024-2 annexed to this announcement. In case of applying to Spanish courses, the admission of the Institution offering the Spanish course will be required.
- Must not have any marital or de facto relationship in Colombia.
- Have a professional, undergraduate, or graduate degree in any area of knowledge.
- Have good physical and mental health, certified by a doctor.
- Not be older than 50 years.
Only Colombian Higher Education Institutions and programs found in the 2024-02 Academic Offer Catalog will be eligible.

The selected person will not be able to change the Program or the University, and only the definitive admission letter(s) presented within the documentation initially received by ICETEX will be accepted.

The candidate must cover the admission costs.

Each candidate must personally process admission to graduate programs directly with higher education institutions or universities.

It is necessary for the scholarship recipient to have financial support for at least 3 months of support (approximately 700 USD per month), since the first payment for support, installation and book expenses will be made when the scholarship recipient has met the requirements of sending of immigration card, bank account certificate in Colombia, address and mobile phone number in Colombia. This transfer will be processed upon receipt of the documents and the scholarship recipient will receive resources within a maximum of 6 weeks after this.

Among the commitments that the scholarship recipients acquired, the following stand out: Carry out the academic program within the established times. You will not be able to defer subjects or academic credits.

Dedicate your time to carrying out the academic program, since you are not allowed to establish employment contracts while you have the status of ICETEX scholarship holder.

Maintain a minimum academic average of 4.0 out of 5.0

Submit an experience report every quarter. The tutor is assigned by the destination university.
STAGES OF THE 2024-02 CALL

Closing of the 2024-02 Call
June 9th 2024

Evaluation and selection of candidates
From June 10th to June 19th 2024

Email notification to candidates about selection and non-selection
June 20th 2024

Scholarship acceptance process by those selected
From June 21st to the 23rd

Start of studies in Colombia
According to the Academic Program
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

- **30%** Academic Excellence
- **30%** Coherence between the academic and professional career and the studies to be carried out
- **20%** Professional experience
- **10%** Reciprocity of cooperation of the country of origin
- **10%** Geographical location of the Colombian teaching center