



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE COLOMBIA SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME (BECA COLOMBIA 2026)**

The State Department for Higher Education is in receipt of communication from the State Department for Foreign Affairs informing of the call for applications to the Colombia Scholarships Programme (Beca Colombia 2026).

The academic initiative is promoted by the Government of Colombia and aims to strengthen international cooperation through higher education. All tuition fees, Health Insurance and a monthly stipend of two minimum wages will be borne by the Republic of Colombia.

**Program duration:**

- Spanish Courses: up to 6 months;
- Specialization programs: up to 12 months;
- Masters: up to 24 months.

**Requirements for application to the call**

- i. Not older than 50 years (by the closing of the call).
- ii. Have final admission letter to at least one (1) and up to three (3) postgraduate programs included in the 2026-2 Academic Offer Catalogue.
- iii. Must be a foreign citizen and not holding Colombian nationality.
- iv. Must not have previously been a beneficiary of ICETEX through the Beca Colombia Program in previous calls.
- v. Must not have a marital relationship or de facto union with a Colombian citizen at the time of application.
- vi. Have a professional, undergraduate or graduate degree in any area of knowledge and must certify a minimum cumulative general average of 4.0 out of 5.0 in undergraduate.
- vii. Have good physical and mental health certified by a doctor.

**The scholarship covers the following;**

- i. Full tuition coverage but only for the academic programs included in the 2026-2 Academic Offer Catalogue published with this call.
- ii. Medical insurance exclusively for the scholarship holder, but he/she must bear the costs related to medications, copayments or other medical expenses.
- iii. Courtesy visa type “V”.
- iv. ICETEX will provide a monthly living allowance equivalent to two (2) Colombian legal minimum monthly wages (SMLMV), updated annually according to the adjustment approved by the Ministry of Labor Colombia.
- v. Installation expense in Colombia.
- vi. Scholarship holders enrolled in virtual programmes will only be entitled to tuition exemption.

**Required documentation:**

- i. Definitive admission letter or final admission letter to the academic programme issued by the Colombian Higher Education Institution with the start and end dates of the academic program clearly defined.
- ii. Certified copies of university degree certificate.
- iii. Certified undergraduate or graduate transcripts showing a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 out of 5.0 or its equivalent according to the Colombian grading scale.
- iv. Motivation letter and program prioritization.
- v. Copy of the first page (bio data page) of the current passport with a minimum validity of one year.
- vi. Medical certificate stating the physical and mental health condition. It should not be more than 30 days old prior to the closing date of the call.
- vii. Professional experience certificate proving a minimum of twelve (12) months of professional experience which must have been obtained after acquiring the Bachelor’s degree and must be related to the area of study.

The application closes at **5:00 p.m. (GMT-5)** on **June 5, 2026**. **Documents must be uploaded to the ICETEX platform not later than 5:00 p.m. (Colombia time)**. Further details of the application process including the site where to upload the documents can be accessed through the following link:

<https://web.icetex.gov.co/documents/20122/4110366/bases-ingles-beca-colombia-2026-2.pdf>