

Country:	Colombia
Program:	Financial grants offered to foreign citizens, in return for international cooperation received by Colombia under existing cooperation agreements.
Oferer:	Colombia Government
Title to obtain	Specialist or Master or PhD (depending on the academic program)
Language:	Spanish

	CLASS	OBSERVATIONS
Scholarships	FULL SCHOLARSHIP	Addressed to all countries cooperating with Colombia, except ecuadorian, peruvian, hungarian and french citizens as there is a program aimed to professionals from these countries.

Deadline for submission of documents **1st June 2018**

Applicant Profile

Foreign professionals in the range of age between 25-49 years old, who have undergraduate degree (university degree or bachelor) in different disciplines, who have a grade point average of 4.0 on the Colombian scale of 1 to 5, and at least 1 year of professional experience in their field of study. The candidate must master the Spanish language (reading, writing and speaking) He/she must deliver us a certificate of these competences and must have an admission letter from the Colombian educational institution in any career determined in the catalog annex to this call. The candidate must not live in Colombia and must not have Colombian nationality.

Selection criteria

- Academic excellence
- Coherence between the academic trajectory, work experience and academic program
- Professional working experience
- Study Project
- Reciprocity on educational cooperation

Requirements

- Prove minimum one year experience in their field of study, after obtaining the degree.
- The candidate must have successfully completed college.
- The academic program should start in the second semester of 2018. Admission to programs starting in 2019 will not be contemplated.
- The candidate must be in a range of age between 25-49 years old.
- Applications from foreign citizens who are living in Colombia will not be accepted
- The documents must arrived through the embassies or directly to the International Relations Office of ICETEX in Bogotá-Colombia before the 1st June 2018.

	LEVEL	TEACHING MODALITY
Level and mode	Doctorate/ PhD.	Classroom courses
	Especialization	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).

INCIDENTAL: Grant of \$208.853COP) for once during the period of studies, just in case of circumstances beyond the beneficiary control.

STIPEND FOR BOOKS AND MATERIALS: Grant of \$401.321COP for once, at the beginning of the academic program

MONTHLY ALLOWANCE: Grant of the sum equivalent to 3 Minimum Monthly Legal salaries. \$2.343.726 COP

HEALTH INSURANCE: Wide coverage in medical assistance only in Colombia, during the period of studies.

INSTALLATION COSTS: Grant of {\$401.321COP for once at the beginning of studies.

Required documents

DOCUMENT	QUANTITY	OBSERVATIONS	ATTACHED DOCUMENT
DOCUMENT PROVING THE APPLICATION TO THIS CALL	1	This document is automatically generated when the application on line is successfully completed, the applicant should print it and attach it with the other documents.	
CERTIFIED COPY OR AUTHENTICATION OF DEGREE TITLE.	1	The certified copy or the authentication must be made by the competent authority of the applicant's country	
ADMISSION LETTER FROM THE COLOMBIAN UNIVERSITY	1	The admission letter of the colombian university (We suggest to apply to more than 1 universities of the list in the academic catalog attached to this call).	
CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC GRADES WITH GPA	1	Transcript of your certificate of academic grades of degree. (It is necessary that the university certifies the scale of grades and the minimum passing grade, in order to establish a comparison with the Colombian system of qualification.	
CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	1	Certification of minimum professional experience of a post-year college degree. Certification must specify position, functions and date of start and finalization in this position.	
PRESENTATION LETTER	2	All application documents to this call should be sent to ICETEX through the Embassy from the country of origin of the applicant in Colombia. In case of absence of diplomatic representation in	

		Colombia, the applicant must send it directly to ICETEX.	
"DELE" TEST	1	The applicant must submit a certificate of the "DELE TEST" in order to proof the proficiency in Spanish language, this certificate must have a minimum level of B2 or the applicant can also submit other certificate of Spanish that guarantees the level of Spanish language (spoken and written). NOTE: This document is only required for citizens from non-Spanish speaking countries.	
CURRICULUM VITAE	1	Máximum 2 pages of CV.	
COPY OF VALID PASSPORT	1	The candidate must attached a copy of the information pages and all the sealed pages of the passport.	
ESSAY	1	Essay of no more than two (2) pages asserting the importance of studying in Colombia and the impact of that experience in their personal and professional lives and how will be the application when the applicant return to its country of origin.	
HEALTH CERTIFICATE	1	The health certificate must indicate the state of physical and mental health of the applicant. The certificate may not be valid if it was issued for more than thirty days from the time of applying to this call.	
RECOMMENDATION LETTER	1	This letter must be issued by a professor at the university completed the studies.	

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 thirty-six (36) months for doctorate. The scholarship holder of doctorates that last more than 3 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.

OBSERVATIONS:

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 **1st June 2018** (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 through the ICETEX must wait two years, counted from the date of completion of the program to reapply for another international scholarship of ICETEX.
15. Selected candidates must inform to the ICETEX the date of entry into the country 10 days before of the trip to Colombia.
16. 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.