



## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **BECA COLOMBIA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGNERS 2023-02**

The Ministry is in receipt of communication from the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Nairobi informing that the Government of the Republic of Colombia has announced postgraduate scholarships (Perfectioning of Spanish, Specialization, Master's and Doctorate) available to foreign professionals to carry out studies in Colombia to be offered through ICETEX.

The scholarship covers the following;

- i. Entire tuition fee but only for the programs within the catalogue of academic offer published in the 2023-02 call.
- ii. Medical insurance but the scholar must bear the cost of prescription drugs and moderate fee for medical examination.
- iii. Courtesy visa.
- iv. Living expense/monthly support amounting to three current legal monthly minimum wages (in Colombian Pesos).
- v. Installation expense in Colombia.
- vi. Expenses for books and materials given based on the period of study.

Requirements for the application to the call

- i. You must be a foreign citizen and not holding Colombian nationality.
- ii. Must not be a beneficiary of ICETEX through the Beca Colombia Program.
- iii. Not older than 50 years.
- iv. Have a cumulative general average of 4.0 out of 5.0 in undergraduate to apply.
- v. Have a professional, undergraduate or graduate degree in any area of knowledge.

- vi. Have admission to at least one and three postgraduate programs found in the academic offer catalogue 2023-02 (Applicant has to seek and pay admission costs).
- vii. Have good physical and mental health certified by a doctor.

The following documents (soft copies) should be submitted

- i. Letter of pre-admission or final admission from the university a minimum of 1 letter and a maximum of 3 letters.
- ii. Letter of academic recommendation issued by a professor at University where the applicant studied. Letter must be dated 2022 (letters from previous years will not be received).
- iii. Certificate of migratory movements that should not be older than 30 days
- iv. Certified undergraduate or graduate transcripts
- v. Academic essay of a maximum of 2 pages that argues the importance of studying in Colombia
- vi. Copy of the first page (bio data page) of the current passport with a minimum validity of one year.
- vii. Certified copy of university degrees or diplomas
- viii. Resume in any format but a maximum of two pages
- ix. Health certificate which should be current. Not more than 30 days at the time of applying.

All application must be submitted on the ICETEX platform through the following link not later than **12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**.

<https://web.icetex.gov.co/becas/programa-de-reciprocidad-para-extranjeros-en-colombia> then click on scholarships for foreigners in Colombia to sign in and apply.