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Mr.

ABBAS HALABI

Minister

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

**Subject: SCHOLARSHIP COLOMBIA PROGRAM FOR FOREIGNERS
2024-02**

Dear Minister Halabi,

The Embassy of the Republic of Colombia is pleased to share the open call for THE SCHOLARSHIP "BECA COLOMBIA" organized by the Government institution ICETEX, to pursue postgraduate (specialization, master's, or doctorate) studies in Colombia beginning in the second semester of 2024.

The Embassy of Colombia in Lebanon would appreciate the Ministry's assistance in promoting the Scholarship to the Lebanese undergraduate students.

Further the information regarding the Scholarship Program and application process is annex to this communication.

Best regards,



EDWIN OSTOS-ALFONSO
Ambassador
Embassy of Colombia in Lebanon

ANNEX

The Scholarship includes:

- a) Enrolment and University tuition.
- b) Medical Insurance.
- c) Courtesy visa.
- d) Living Expenses, monthly support for the duration of the program (Approx 1000 USD monthly).
- e) Installation expenses (One time only).
- f) Book and material expenses.
- g) Foreign Identification.

The candidate must pay: the admission costs of the academic institutions to which the candidate will apply and the round air tickets to Colombia.

Requirements for scholarship application:

- a) Be a foreign citizen.
- b) Not have Colombian nationality.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Must not have any marital or de facto relationship in Colombia.
- f) Not having been a beneficiary of ICETEX through the Beca Colombia program.
- g) Not be older than 50 years.
- h) 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.
- i) Have a professional, undergraduate, or graduate degree in any area of knowledge.
- j) 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 suspended.
- k) Have good physical and mental health, certified by a doctor.

Observations:

- a) Only Colombian Higher Education Universities and programs listed in the Academic Offer Catalog 2024-II will be eligible.
- b) The selected candidate will not be able to change the Program or the University, and only the final admission letter(s) presented within the documentation initially received by ICETEX will be taken into consideration.
- c) Each candidate must personally process the admission to the graduate programs directly with the higher education institutions or universities.
- d) It is necessary for the scholarship recipient to have financial support for at least 3 months of support (approximately US\$700 per month). (approximately US\$700 per month), since the first payment for living expenses, installation, and book expenses will be made when the scholar has the scholarship recipient has complied with the requirements of sending the foreigner's identification card, certificate of bank account in Colombia, address, and mobile phone number, address, and mobile telephone number in Colombia. This transfer will be processed upon receipt of the documents and the scholarship recipient will receive funds within a maximum of 6 weeks thereafter.
- e) Among the commitments made by the scholarship recipients are the following: To complete the academic program within the established time frame. They will not be able to defer subjects or academic credits.
- f) The candidate must dedicate the time to the academic program since the candidate is not allowed to establish labor contracts while being an ICETEX scholarship holder.
- g) Submit an experience report every trimester. The tutor is assigned by the host university.

For additional information, you should contact the ICETEX International Relations Office. email: beca_colombia@icetex.gov.c

Foreign candidates may submit their application online at the following link: <https://web.icetex.gov.co/becas/beca-colombia-extranjeros>

<https://internacionalizacion.icetex.gov.co/Colfuturo-Login/login.xhtml?idPatrocinador=15&idPlataforma=R&hash=717a4d786f79686742732f33625544706f736b6c49773d3d>