



POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ICETEX

This program offers scholarships for specialization, master and research studies at postgraduate level to foreign citizens from countries of the Caribbean Basin.

Foreigners interested in participating in the scholarships program (fall 2009) must submit the required application documents to the diplomatic mission of their country in Colombia.

If your country has no diplomatic representation in Colombia, the application must be sent through the embassy or consulate of Colombia in your country. It will be then forwarded to the International Office of the Colombian Institute of Educational Credit and Technical Studies Abroad, Mariano Ospina Pérez - ICETEX in Bogota DC, Colombia.

If your country has no diplomatic mission in Colombia and Colombia has no diplomatic representation in your country, papers can be sent to the Regional Office of the Organization of American States in your country.

The deadline for submitting the documents is:

- If your government has no diplomatic or consular representation in Colombia you must submit your application with the required documents to the representation of Colombia in your country before May 15th, 2009.
- If your country has diplomatic or consular representation in Colombia, you have until May 22, 2009 for your documents to be submitted.
- Before May 29th 2009, the Diplomatic and Consular Representation of your country in Colombia, must formally submit the application documents to ICETEX (Carrera 3 # 18 -32, 6 Floor, International Office, Building ICETEX in Bogotá DC, Colombia)

No dossier will be accepted if sent incomplete or brought after the date indicated as deadline.

Around the third week of June the results of the selected students will be published on our website. We will also notify them by email.

Each scholarship will cover:



Full tuition fees

Settlement expenses

Books and study materials

Support and maintenance

Final Project - Thesis Expenses

Health Insurance

Contingencies

Departure taxes of the country

Airplane Tickets

For selected students, the Government of Colombia will grant a courtesy Visa. This status prevents the execution of any work.

The costs of airfare for the students selected will be assumed by the Foreign Ministry of Colombia. Upon arrival in Colombia selected students must go to the Office of International Relations ICETEX Bogotá (Carrera 3 No. 18-32) and later to the university in which they will pursue their studies with the purpose of legalizing the registration. It is recommended that students arrive in the country two weeks before classes begin.

Value of the scholarship for 2009:

- Maintenance 623 USD Monthly
- Books and materials USD 108 (This value is paid once a year)
- Installation costs USD 107 (This value is paid when the student enters the country for the first time)
- Thesis Expenses USD 107
- Contingencies \$ 57

REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS/ELIGIBILITY :



- Must not be living in Colombia, or have started graduate studies in Colombia.
- Birth certificate, copy of identification document (ID).
- Official Letter of Introduction, which must be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country or the government institution responsible for education.
- Submit final admission letter issued by the Colombian University (the specialization program, master's or doctoral degree chosen by the student must be within the offer of institutions of higher education in Colombia under the Reciprocity Program for Foreigners in Colombia) For further information on programs and universities that have agreements with ICETEX click here:

<http://www.icetex.gov.co/portal/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=wGb4qN7kMcC%3d & tabid = 484 & mid = 1223>

- Certificate issued by a recognized institution that demonstrates Spanish knowledge and language proficiency. (For non Spanish speaking countries)
- Completed Application Form. You can download it from the site:

<http://www.icetex.gov.co/portal/Portals/0/Programas%20y%20Becas%20Internacionales/FormularioExtranjerosEnColombia.doc>

- Recent Medical certificate (not older than three months), indicating state of physical and mental health of the student.
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max.)
- Degree
- A personal statement that clearly explains the reasons for wanting to enroll in the program and the importance of your studies in Colombia for your personal and professional development. (2 pages max).
- A 3 * 4 photograph
- Two letters of reference in Spanish (at least one academic and one professional)

Applications of foreign citizens who have Colombian nationality won't be considered.

All documentation must be translated into Spanish. Postgraduate scholarships in Colombia will have a duration of 12 months for specialization, with possibility of extension for 12 more months for master's and and 36 months for PhD. Any extension is subject to prior ICETEX study, for which the applicant must attach the documents required by ICETEX upon request for the extension.

Citizens interested in obtaining further information about the program should consult the website of ICETEX: www.icetex.gov.co, Link Foreigners in Colombia - Documents, which includes a list of Colombian schools and academic programs. Also, you will find in this site the application form.

THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT WILL BE KEPT BY ICETEX



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