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The Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Austria presents its compliments to the honorable Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary -Department of the Americas- and has the honor to share the information regarding the main scholarship programs offered by the Colombian government. These scholarships are offered to citizens of other countries (including Hungary) on the basis of reciprocity. The scholarships are managed by the ICETEX (Colombian Institute of Educational Credit and Technical Studies Abroad). In this regard, Colombia offers two main types of scholarships:

1. **Scholarships for foreign students.** Aimed at postgraduate students (*i.e.* Specialization, master degree or PhD). The funding is comprehensive. The tuition fees are waived and the ICETEX offers a monthly allowance high enough to cover the student's living expenses. However, no plane tickets are offered. The conditions for application are available at this link:

<https://portal.icetex.gov.co/Portal/Home/HomeEstudiante/becas/programa-de-reciprocidad-para-extranjeros-en-colombia/becas-para-posgrado/>

It is worth noting that this web page is written entirely in Spanish. Among other things, this is due to the fact that the candidates should demonstrate their knowledge of this language when applying for a scholarship and all the corresponding documents should be written or officially translated into Spanish. For any application, a certificate of language proficiency is required (*v.g.* DELE) at a B2 or higher level.

The scholarships offered to Hungarian citizens merited a special chapter, due to the profound academic ties that already exist between Hungary and Colombia. The deadline for the applications to the next study cycle is the 1st of June 2018.

2. **Fellows Colombia.** This fellowship program is aimed at professors, researchers and academic experts in a specific field of knowledge. The ICETEX sponsors either the flight costs or the living expenses of the fellow for the duration of her/his stay in Colombia, on the basis of a refund. It is awarded after an invitation has been issued by a Colombian university and is intended for a sojourn only. More information can be found in the following link (in Spanish language):

<https://portal.icetex.gov.co/Portal/Home/homeies/fellows-colombia>

The Embassy of Colombia kindly asks the honorable Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary to share this information with authorities, universities and research centers or any other relevant public or private stakeholders that may be interested in such scholarships. Furthermore, the Embassy of Colombia would be grateful to receive information regarding similar scholarship or fellowship opportunities that Hungary may offer to Colombian citizens.

The Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Austria avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the honorable Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary -Department of the Americas- the assurances of its highest consideration.



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