

V SPANISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

FOR TOURIST GUIDES AND UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM FEALAC EAST ASIAN
COUNTRIES



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“I am anxious to learn Spanish, which is the third most important language in the world. If you can speak Spanish, you can conquer the world”

Anggita Ilmariandy, scholar from Indonesia (2016).



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**“Colombia outstands for its international atmosphere.
Studying in this country will be one of the most
amazing experiences of my life”**

Siyu Liang, scholar from China (2016).



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How did the initiative come up?



The initiative was born in 2012 with the visit of the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Patti Londoño Jaramillo, to some Southeast Asian countries.

Tourism authorities in the region highlighted the increase of incoming tourists from Spanish-speaking countries and **requested the Colombian government collaboration to train their tour guides in Spanish.**



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Since 2013, the Government of Colombia has made **inter-institutional coordination** among several public entities to carry out the ELE FEALAC initiative, **which will develop its fifth version in 2017.**



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What is it about?



According to the call, **tourist guides and students** from FEALAC East Asian countries **come to study Spanish in Colombian universities** renowned for their high quality **Spanish courses**.



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What is it about?



Benefits:

- Round trip air tickets
- Monthly stipend in order to cover basic living expenses
- Tuition scholarship for the Spanish course
- International Health Insurance
- Courtesy visa

Duration: one academic semester (4 months)



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What is it about?

Educational component

The project contributes to the **internationalization of universities from both regions**



Two-way academic mobility through the **incorporation in the initiative of undergraduate and graduate students** from FEALAC East Asian countries



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What is it about?

Cultural component

Scholars have the opportunity to **meet the different Colombian cultural expressions** through gastronomy, dances, landscapes, etc. **Colombia also benefits** from contact with people from **other regions of the world**.



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Results 2013-2016

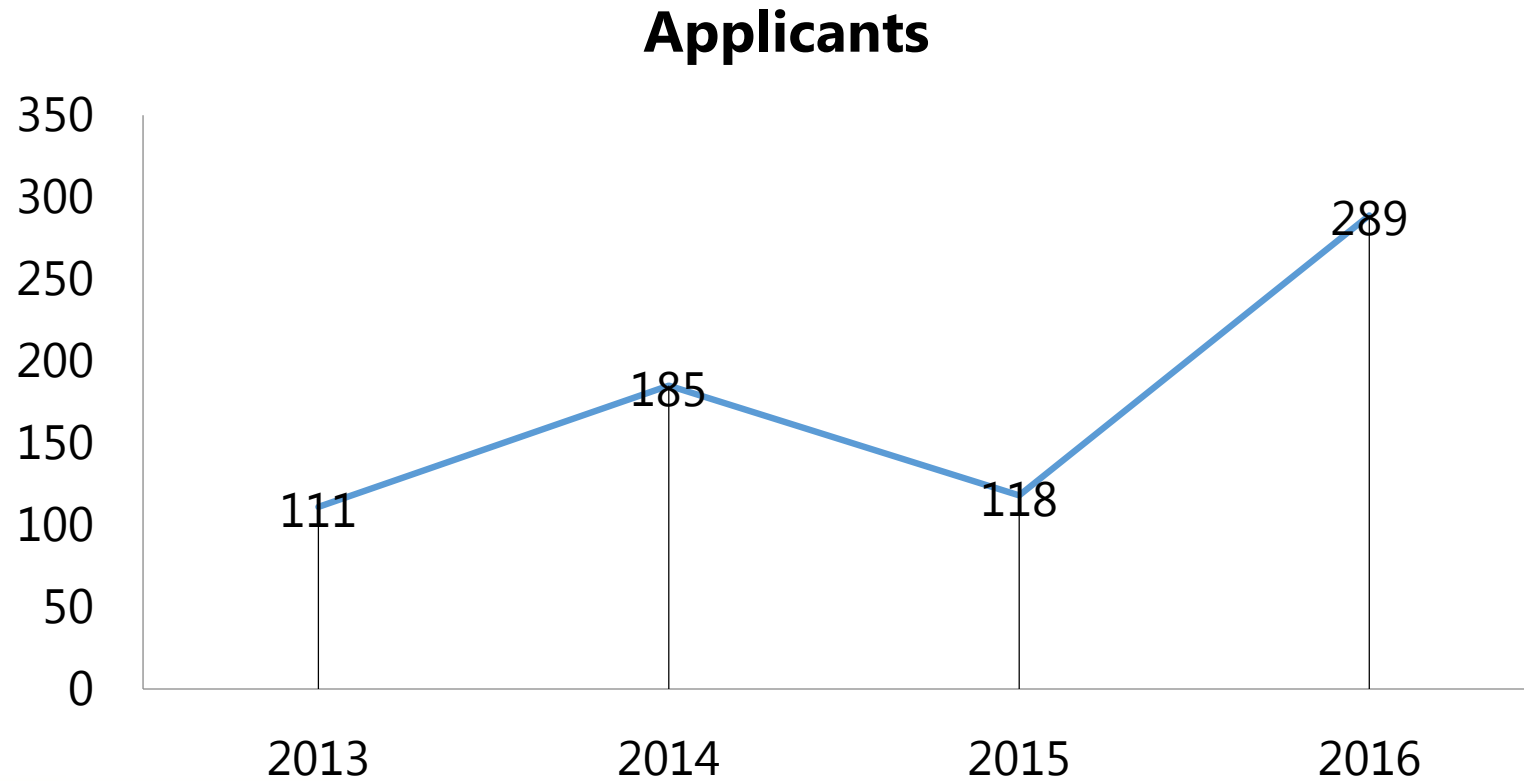
- ✓ **223 scholars**
- ✓ **16 FEALAC East Asian countries**
- ✓ **5 different host Colombian cities:**
Armenia, Manizales, Medellin,
Bucaramanga and Bogota
- ✓ **12 Colombian universities** recognized
by their Spanish courses



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Results 2013-2016



From 2013 to 2016, there has been an **increase of 60% of applicants**