

V version of the ELE FEALAC initiative 2017



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General characteristics

- **Number of scholarships:** 60
- **Profiles:** Tourist guides and students
- **Academic, volunteering and cultural activities:**
 - 15 hours a week of Spanish
 - 10 hours a week of volunteering activities
 - Cultural presentations to promote mutual knowledge
- **Academic backgrounds prioritized for students:** Latin American studies, languages, business administration and international relations



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General schedule

- **March – May:** Call and selection procedures
- **June:** Scholars trip preparation activities and visa request
- **July:** Scholars arrival to Colombia
- **August – November:** Learning activities and return trip



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New components

- **Spanish certification exam:** Applied at the end of the course, will provide the scholars with an international support of their language sufficiency.
- **Internationalization contest:** Two Colombian universities will be awarded with a week trip to one East Asian country to advance in the implementation of its internationalization strategy. *Component in process of development.
- **Short Spanish course in East Asian countries:** The Government of Colombia is exploring the possibility of generating alliances with universities from China, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam or the Philippines to bring five (5) Spanish Colombian professors who teach a Spanish course for approximately 2 months. *Component in process of development.



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In 2017, Colombia will continue this initiative because it is convinced of its benefits in creating lasting ties between the two regions



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