

TIMELINE OF THE INITIATIVE 2017

Dates in Colombia	Activity
March 10, 2017	Launching of the call: the applicant must fill out the application form in the link that will be available on the pages of the Colombian embassies, enclosing in PDF format the documents required in the bases of the call to the given e-mail.
April 28, 2017	Closing of the call.
May 5, 2017	Pre-selection process of candidates by the Colombian Government (review of documentation, evaluation of documents and programs, times and dates of interviews).
May 10, 2017	Notification by Heart for Change and the Colombian Embassies of pre-selected candidates. Heart for Change will coordinate the schedules and dates of the interviews. Likewise, applicants who were not preselected will be notified.
May 11 to 12, 2017	Questions, answers, confirmation of schedules and interview dates of shortlisted applicants.
May 15 to 24, 2017	Interviews to candidates through Skype.
May 26, 2017	Final selection of candidates.
May 29, 2017	The Colombian Embassies will publish on their webpages the results of the selection process.
May 31, 2017	The selected students will present a test in their home countries to determine their level of Spanish at the beginning of the course.
June 2, 2017	Acceptance letter of the scholarship signed by the fellows must be sent to the Colombian Government through the coordinator of the program.
June 7, 2017	Committee for the assignment of fellows to each one of the Colombian universities participating in the initiative.
June 8, 2017	Report to the Colombian universities of the selected scholars assigned by university.
June 22 to 24, 2017	Remission of an information package to the scholarship holders, which will include air tickets, international medical insurance, the guide of the city where they will take the Spanish as a foreign language course, information on accommodation possibilities and application visa guide.
July 4 to 14, 2017	Visas application by the fellows to enter the country.
July 20 to 23, 2017	Arrival of scholars to Colombia.
July 27, 2017	Welcome event at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
July 24 to 28, 2017	Training activities with the scholars.
July 29 to 30, 2017	Departure to the designated cities other than Bogota.
August 1st, 2017	Beginning of Spanish as a foreign language courses. Start of the contest of the initiatives.
August 24 to 26, 2017	First stipend payment to the scholars.
August 21 to 31, 2017	First round of follow-up meetings with each university.
September 28 to 30, 2017	Second stipend payment to the scholars.
October 9, 2017	Closing of the contest of the initiatives.
October 12, 2017	Selection of winners of the contest

October 13, 2017	Notification to the winners of the contest.
October 26 to 28, 2017	Third stipend payment to the scholars.
October 27 to 30, 2017	Tour of the winners of the contest.
November 06 to 17, 2017	Second round of follow-up meetings with universities.
November 16 to 19, 2017	Forth stipend payment to the scholars.
November 17, 2017	Completion of Spanish courses and volunteering activities (The exact date depends on the academic calendar of each university).
November 17 to 22, 2017	Return trip of the scholarship holders to Bogota.
November 22, 2017	Application of Spanish certification exam in the Hacienda Yerbabuena of the Instituto Caro y Cuervo.
November 23, 2017	Closing event. Place: Hacienda Yerbabuena of the Instituto Caro y Cuervo.
November 23 to 26, 2017	Scholars return to their home countries.