



## Embajada de Colombia

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Ankara, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to write to Your Excellency following the conversation you held last Friday with the Colombian Minister Plenipotentiary and the Consul regarding educational opportunities for students in both the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Turkey.

For your information, the Colombian government agency ICETEX offers several scholarships for foreign students in graduate programs in leading universities in the country. The following link includes the offering that was available this year: <http://www.icetex.gov.co/dnnpro5/esco/becas/extranjerosencolombia/becasparaposgrado/convocatoriageneral.aspx>. The Colombian Embassy in Ankara welcomes Turkish students to apply next year to these scholarships.

In addition, I kindly ask you to send us information regarding scholarships for Colombian students in Turkey as many young talented Colombians would welcome the opportunity to study in your prestigious universities. We firmly believe that the exchange of students is the most fruitful way to encourage understanding between our two countries.

I take the opportunity to inform you that thirteen representatives from eight Colombian universities (EIA University, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, UNIMINUTO, Universidad Santo Tomas, Universidad Central de Colombia, Universidad de las Salle, EAFIT and Universidad Externado de Colombia) participated in the METU International Week held on July 17<sup>th</sup>-21, 2017 made available through the Erasmus + program.



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The visit of these Colombian academics to Ankara was very successful and we hope it will result in further academic ties between our two countries in the near future. The Embassy of Colombia looks forward to working with the government of Turkey in order to promote further exchanges between students and faculty in our academic institutions.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to the Honorable Deputy Director General for Cultural Diplomacy the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to Turkey**



To the Honorable

**Minister Plenipotentiary AYŞEGÜL GÖKÇEN KARAARSLAN**

**Deputy Director General for Cultural Diplomacy**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey**

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