



Programa BIP

# COLOMBIA SOSTENIBLE (CS)

## 2030 | ODS desde una perspectiva territorial.

# Open call

Summer 2026





# International Summer School – CCYK BIP Program

Students, Faculty and Managers.

December 2025

## Overview

The **Colombia – Challenge Your Knowledge Association (CCYK)**, in partnership with Colombian universities from its network, invites students and faculty from international partner universities to participate in the **Colombia Sustainable 2030 Chair – CCS2030**, an international **Blended Intensive Program (BIP)** that combines virtual training with an in-person summer school in Colombia.

This program offers a unique academic, cultural, and intercultural experience to understand Colombia's social, environmental, scientific, and cultural dynamics, as well as its contribution to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE CALL

To offer international students and faculty the opportunity to:

- Explore Colombia's cultural, biological, and territorial diversity.
- Develop intercultural competencies and global leadership skills.
- Strengthen Spanish language learning as a second language.
- Participate in academic and scientific projects linked to the SDGs.
- Build international networks among universities, researchers, and communities.

## 2. CCS2030 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Phase 1 – Virtual (2 months)

40 hours

*Cátedra Virtual Colombia Sostenible 2030 (Virtual Chair)*



This phase includes synchronous and asynchronous activities with the following components:

- Introduction to the SDGs and an overview of Latin America and Colombia.
- Colombian culture: history, diversity, gastronomy, environment, and society.
- Interculturality, soft skills, and global leadership.
- Research methodologies, collaborative learning, and interdisciplinary work.
- Formation of international teams to develop projects focused on real-world challenges.
- Basic Spanish language capsules as a second language (for tourism and SDG-related concepts).
- Total workload: 40 hours (synchronous sessions of 60 minutes and independent work). Each unit represents 10 hours of work.
- Synchronous activities: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (Colombia time). Time zone conversion will be provided.
- Final synchronous activity: Meeting between students and faculty for project dialogue and reflection.

## Phase 2 – In Person (15 days)

60 hours

*International Summer School: Laboratorio Colombia 2030 (Col-Lab 2030).*

Participants will visit **at least two Colombian cities** among:

- Barranquilla
- Bogotá
- Bucaramanga
- Cali
- Medellín
- Pereira

They will take part in academic, scientific, and cultural activities organized by host universities within the CCYK network.

### Main thematic areas:

- Climate Change and Life on Land
- Quality Education
- Water Treatment and Renewable Energies
- Territory, Well-being, and Socio-environmental Justice



- Science, Technology, and Innovation
- Living Territories, Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Innovation.

**Activities include:**

- Visits to research centers
- Academic workshops and territorial laboratories
- Meetings with cultural, community, and Indigenous leaders
- Spanish language practice
- Cultural activities (museums, cities, gastronomy, music, dance)

### Phase 3 – Results and Projects

- Academic presentations
- Development of reports, proposals, and posters
- Virtual closing event
- Digital publication of proceedings

### Phase 4 – Evaluation and Sustainability

- Evaluation of the process and learning outcomes
- Feedback and continuity proposals
- Identification of joint international projects

## 3. PARTICIPATION COST

The virtual phase is free of charge.

The in-person phase has a cost of USD 500 for academic fees..

Twenty (20) participants will be selected to receive scholarships covering international and domestic transportation, accommodation, and meals.

**Includes:**

- Enrollment in the CCS2030 in-person program
- Academic materials
- Access to all virtual activities
- Participation in academic and cultural in-person activities
- International certificate.

**Does not include:**



- Mandatory international insurance
- Migration costs (Passport and other costs).

**Note:** International participants who are not selected for scholarships may still participate by covering their own travel, accommodation, and living expenses.

## 4. TARGET AUDIENCE

Undergraduate students and international faculty and managers from:

- Higher Education Institutions that are members or partners of CCYK
- Partner universities in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa
- Academic programs related to SDGs, interculturality, sustainability, governance, social sciences, environmental sciences, economics, humanities, arts, and related disciplines.

## 5. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### For International Students

1. Enrollment in a CCYK partner institution
2. Completion of at least 40% of the academic program
3. English and/or Spanish proficiency (desirable)
4. Motivation letter (1 page)
5. Valid passport
6. Availability for both program phases
7. International insurance valid in Colombia (including medical and repatriation coverage)
8. Legal age

### For International Faculty

1. Current institutional affiliation
2. Experience or interest in SDGs, sustainability, interculturality, or collaborative research



3. Letter of intent
4. Valid passport and international insurance

## COMMITMENTS

- During the virtual phase, students will develop a proposal addressing a sustainability challenge within the Colombian context.
- Each student will select a thematic challenge and develop a solution proposal, which will later be linked to the in-person mobility component.
- As a final product of the virtual course, students must present a pitch outlining their solution proposal. Based on this presentation, participants selected for the subsidized in-person mobility to Colombia will be chosen.

## 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

### Students:

- Motivation letter (1 page, 12 size font).
- Curriculum vitae
- Certificate of current enrollment
- Copy of passport
- Letter of commitment

### Faculty or managers:

- Letter of intent (1 page, 12 size font).
- Academic CV
- Copy of passport
- Letter of commitment

## 7. APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. Institutional

### nomination:

The partner university nominates or endorses the candidate through an official nomination letter from the relevant unit (faculty, program, or international office).

**2. Submission:**

Applications must be sent as a single PDF via email to:  
[info@ccyk.com.co](mailto:info@ccyk.com.co)

**3. Technical**

CCYK verifies academic and logistical requirements.

**Review:****4. Selection:**

Selection criteria includes: motivation, disciplinary diversity, geographic balance, equity.

**5. Payment**

CCYK will provide payment of  
USD 500 per participant for the in-person component.

**participation:**

instructions:

**6. Official**

Selected participants receive an acceptance letter and detailed schedule.

**confirmation:**

## 8. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic relevance
- Motivation and commitment
- Disciplinary and geographic diversity
- Institutional representation
- Balanced participation across regions and countries
- English and/or Spanish proficiency (desirable)

## 9. TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- Call opening: *December 16 – February 15*
- Virtual component selection and notification: *February 16 – March 1*
- Virtual phase: *March 16 – May 1*
- In-person component selection notification: *May 10*
- Program payment (USD 500): *May 25*
- In-person phase in Colombia: *July 6 – July 17*
- Project submission and proceedings: *August 2026*



## 10. CONTACT INFORMATION

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