



Step-by-Step Guide for Colombian Visitor Visa (V-visa) Application* Updated August 4, 2025

*The content and format of the visa application form may be changed by the Colombian authorities without prior notice. If you have any questions, please contact INFO@theicfp.org.

Highlights of Visa Application for the ICFP 2025

- There are many countries and territories from which no visa is required to enter, remain, and leave Colombia for short-stay activities (including business, conferences, leisure, tourism, or cultural activities), provided that these activities do not generate payment for services, wages, or salaries in Colombia. Please find the list of countries and their specific visa requirements **HERE**. This chart will also indicate the embassy to which you must send your electronic visa application if needed.
- For those needing a visa to attend ICFP 2025, the visa review, processing, and issuance process is carried out entirely online for a VISITOR (V) EVENT PARTICIPATION/"V-visa").
- No matter what your passport type regular or diplomatic, there are absolutely no visas issued on arrival.
- We recommend that all needing a visa to enter Colombia apply AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR to their travel date. ICFP 2025 attendees may apply for their visa up to 120 days in advance of the conference.
- If approved, the ICFP 2025 VISITOR (V) EVENT PARTICIPATION/"V-visa"-will be valid during the dates of the conference November 1-6, (including the pre-conference dates) and beyond as a short-stay visa, usually up to 30 days. It is up to each consulate to determine the number of days each applicant will be able to stay in Colombia outside of the conference dates.
- If you need assistance with your visa application and/or have received feedback on your application from the consulate to which you sent your visa application materials, please refer to this guide on the steps to take. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to info@theICFP.org.

Steps to apply for a visa to enter Colombia if holding a valid passport from a country is NOT on the list of those exempt:

- Please be aware that for most visa applicants, TWO (2) PAYMENTS will be made in order to obtain your visa:
 - 1. for the visa application and
 - 2. to issue the visa once approved. Payments may be made **online** via Visa or MasterCard.
- You may process your online visa application form available on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at: https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml, providing the requirements for each visa type and category. All ICFP 2025 attendees who need a visa should apply for a VISITOR (V) EVENT PARTICIPATION/"V-visa."
- When completing your application form, you must select the Colombian Consular Office closest to your current country of residence, or the country where you hold a temporary or permanent residence permit. You will find the name of the consulate to which you must apply online for your visa in the chart (HERE) (If you are in Colombia and have regular immigration status, when completing your visa application form, select "Bogotá Office" from the menu.)
- Before starting your online visa application process, you must have at least 30 minutes to complete the application and all materials ready, including:
 - 1. Recent color photo with a completely white background, without gradients or shadows, measuring 4 cm x 3 cm. You must be facing the camera and your head must be centered and complete. Both eyes must be open and your ears must be visible. There should be no glare in the photo. Do not allow hair or other accessories to cover your face. Do not use a photo from a previous visa (if you have one). The image format is JPG and must be no larger than

- Color photocopy of the biographical page of your passport, valid for at least 6 months.
 Letter of invitation or endorsement of the visa application signed by the representative of the entity responsible for the event.
 Attendees representing private entities or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) must attach a letter from the organization they represent at the event addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, fully explaining the event and including the dates and location where it will be held. This letter must also clearly include the full name of the participant, as well as their nationality and valid passport number, and state the type and scope of financial responsibility (coverage of expenses) for the participant during their stay in Colombia. A section must be included in which the organizer expressly states their responsibility for the participant's return to their place of residence or origin before the expiration of their visa. This letter must also include the
- relationship between the entity and the event organizer in Colombia.

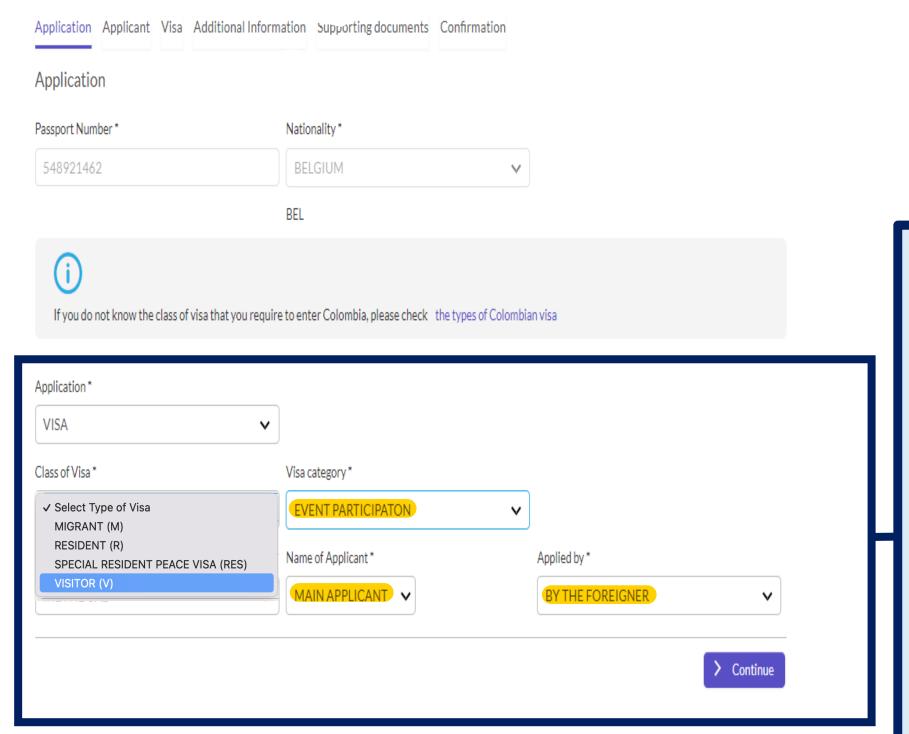
 5. Delegates attending on behalf of a State must attach a Note Verbale addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia informing the appointment of the attendee as an official delegate of the foreign government during the event. (Attendees coming as delegates of a State or on behalf of a public entity are not required to comply with the last two points listed, below.)
- 6. Certificate of existence of the entity supporting the application.
- 7. Bank statements of the entity supporting the application. If you are supporting yourself to travel to the conference, these bank statements will be yours.

Attach all the required documents to your electronic visa application form in the order indicated in Step 10 in the guide below on the SITAC platform, here: https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml.

Any inaccuracy or error in the information you submit via this electronic form, may lead to the refusal of your application, without any refund of the visa application fee paid.



Request Visa



STEP #5

*Required Fields

Fill in your application information based on your passport number and country and the type of visa you are applying for.

Class of Visa: VISITOR (V).

Visa Category: EVENT PARTICIPATION

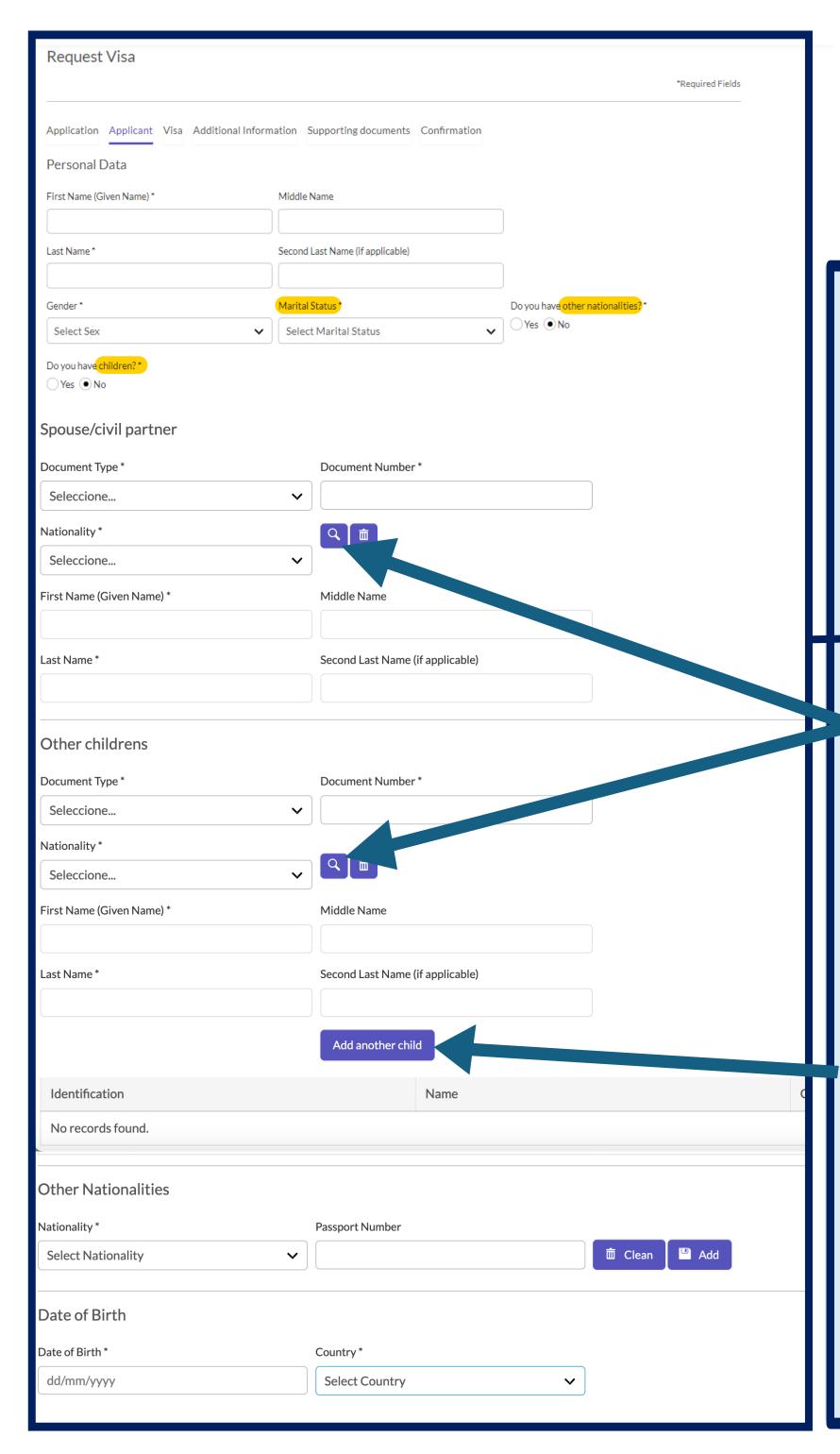
Application Type: INDIVIDUAL

Name of Applicant: MAIN APPLICANT

Applied by: BY THE FOREIGNER.

If the registration of the application is done by a representative you should choose BY SPONSOR.

Click 'Continue'.



STEP #6 Part 1

Additional personal data, marital and & family status, academic training, occupation, and income.

Once again, enter your personal data AS IT IS SHOWN IN YOUR PASSPORT.

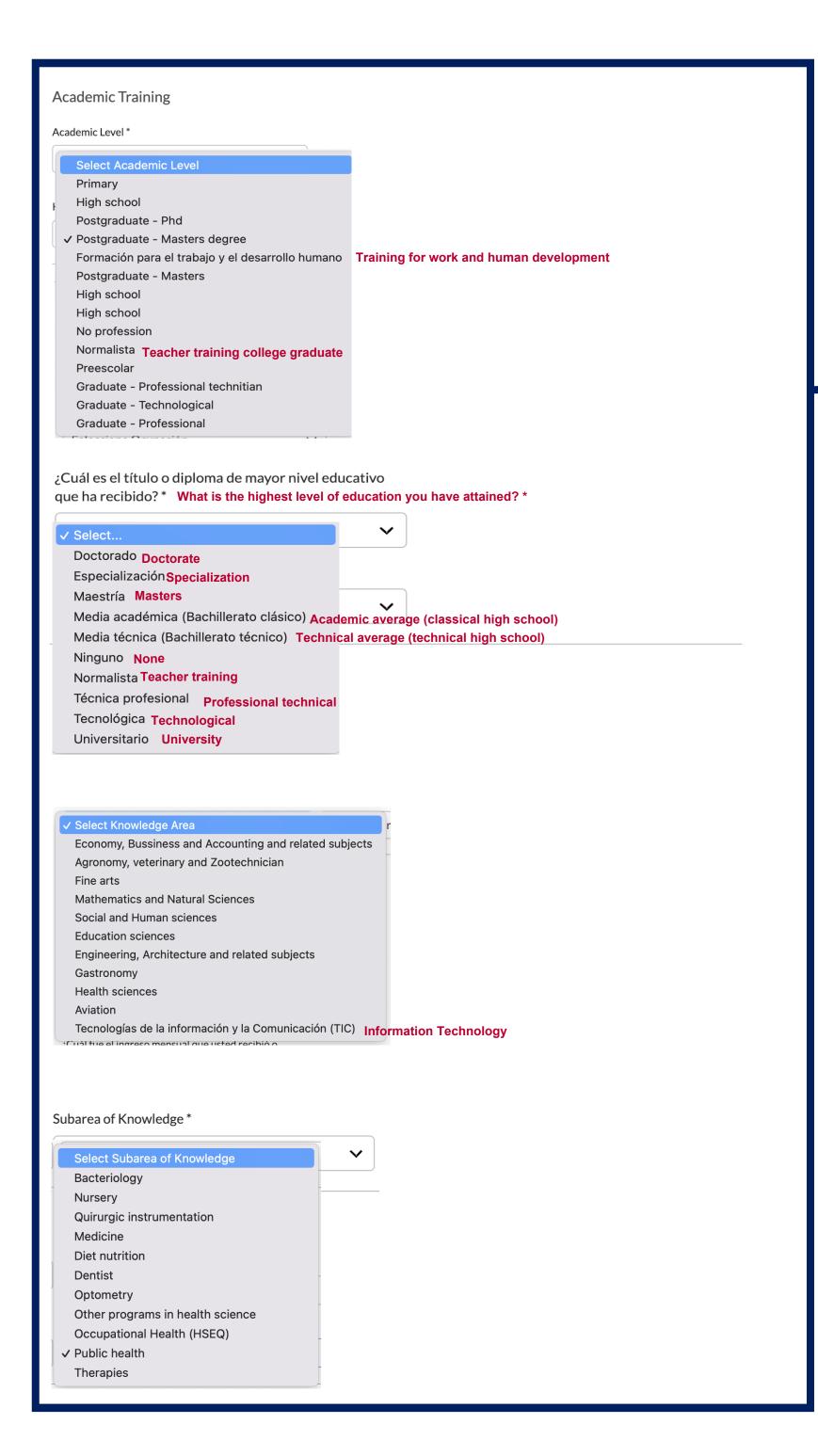
If you have a spouse, children, and/or an additional nationality, please select the appropriate answer for each and fill in all additional data requested.

If you checked the box indicating that you have a spouse or partner the "Spouse/civil partner" and/or "Other childrens," you must click on the magnifying glass after you enter their "Documentation Type," "Document Number," and "Nationality," information in order to save it. If you have more than one child, please click on the "Add another child" button to add their information and click the magnifying glass to save this entry.

After entering one or more children, you must click the "Add another child" button (even if you don't have another child) to move to the next page in the form.

If you **do not** have a spouse, children, and/or additional nationality and indicate this appropriately on the form, these additional fields will not appear in your visa application.

Once again, add your date of birth.



STEP #6 - Part 2

Academic training, occupation, and income

Fill in the highest
Academic training you
have completed, your area
of expertise, and sub-area
of expertise. These
choices are not all in
English, therefore we have
translated the options
given.

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Ocupación e Ingresos Occupation and Income
¿Durante el mes pasado a que se dedicó During the past month what work did you primarily dedicate yourself to?

✓ Selectione Ocupación Select your occupation

   Buscando trabajo Looking for a job
   Estudiando Student
   Incapacitado permanentemente para trabajar Permanently unable to work
   No Aplica Not applicable
   Oficios del hogar Household trades
   Otra actividad Other activity
   Trabajó en una actividad que le generó algún ingreso I work in an activity that generates some income.
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Rama de actividad en la que trabaja
                                                                                                   need to show their passport to do so. This person
  Selectione Rama de Actividad Select branch of activity
 SECCIÓN A Agricultura, ganadería, caza, silvicultura y pesca Agriculture, livestock, hunting, forestry, and fishing
 SECCIÓN B Explotación de minas y canteras Mining and quarrying
 SECCIÓN C Industrias manufactureras Manufacturing industries
 SECCIÓN D Suministro de electricidad, gas, vapor y aire acondicionado Supply of electricity and gas, stream, and air conditioning
 SECCIÓN E Distribución de agua; evacuación y tratamiento de aguas residuales, gestión de desechos y actividades de saneamiento ambiental
                                           Water distrobution, wastewaterdisposal and treatment, waste management and environment
 SECCIÓN F Construcción Construction
 SECCIÓN G Comercio al por mayor y al por menor; reparación de vehículos automotores y motocicletas Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and
 SECCIÓN H Transporte y almacenamiento Transport and storage
                                                                                                                                            motorcycles
 SECCIÓN I Alojamiento y servicios de comida Accommodation and food services
 SECCIÓN J Información y comunicaciones Information and Communications
 SECCIÓN K Actividades financieras y de seguros Financial and Insurance Activities
 SECCIÓN L Actividades inmobiliarias Real Estates Activities
 SECCIÓN M Actividades profesionales, científicas y técnicas Professional, scientific and technical activities
 SECCIÓN N Actividades de servicios administrativos y de apoyo Administrative and support services activities
 SECCIÓN O Administración pública y defensa; planes de seguridad social de afiliación obligatoria Public administration and defense, Compulsory social security
                                                                                                                                            schemes
 SECCIÓN Q Actividades de atención de la salud humana y de asistencia social Human Health care and social assistance activities
 SECCIÓN R Actividades artísticas, de entretenimiento y recreación Artistic, entertainment, recreation activities
 SECCIÓN S Otras actividades de servicios Other service activities
 SECCIÓN T Actividades de los hogares individuales en calidad de empleadores; actividades no diferenciadas de los hogares individuales como productores de bien... Activities of individual households as employers, undifferentiated activities of individual households
SECCIÓN U Actividades de organizaciones y entidades extraterritoriales
Activities of offshotr organizations and entities
 ¿Con qué profesión se relaciona su trabajo?* What work is your profession related to?

✓ Seleccione Profesión Select your profession

    Agricultores y trabajadores calificados agropecuarios, forestales y pesqueros
                                                                                    Farmers and Fishermen
    Fuerzas militares Military forces
    No Aplica Not applicable
    Ocupaciones elementales Basic Occupations
    Officiales, operarios, artesanos y oficios relacionados Office, Operators, artisans and related trades
    Operadores de instalaciones y máquinas y ensambladores Plant and machine operators and assemblers
    Personal de apoyo administrativo Support personnel
    Profesionales, científicos e intelectuales Professional, scientist & intellectual
    Técnicos y profesionales del nivel medio Mid-level technical professional
    Trabajadores de los servicios y vendedores de comercios y mercados Services in commericial sales and markets
   ¿Cuál fue el ingreso mensual que usted recibió o
                                            What was the monthly income you receive(d) in Colombian pesos
   percibe en pesos colombianos por las actividades
                                             for the activities currently carried out in Colombia?
   desarrolladas actualmente en Colombia?*

✓ Seleccione Rango de Ingresos

      $0 - $435,375
      $1.423.500 - $1.623.500
      $1.623.501 - $2.000.000
      $2.000.001 - $2.847.000
      $435.375 - $874.999
      $875.000- $1.423.499
      Más de - $2.847.500
      No Aplica
                  Not applicable- Most attendees needing a visa will choose "No Aplica" under the question about monthly income
                   range, as they do not do official businesses in Colombia.
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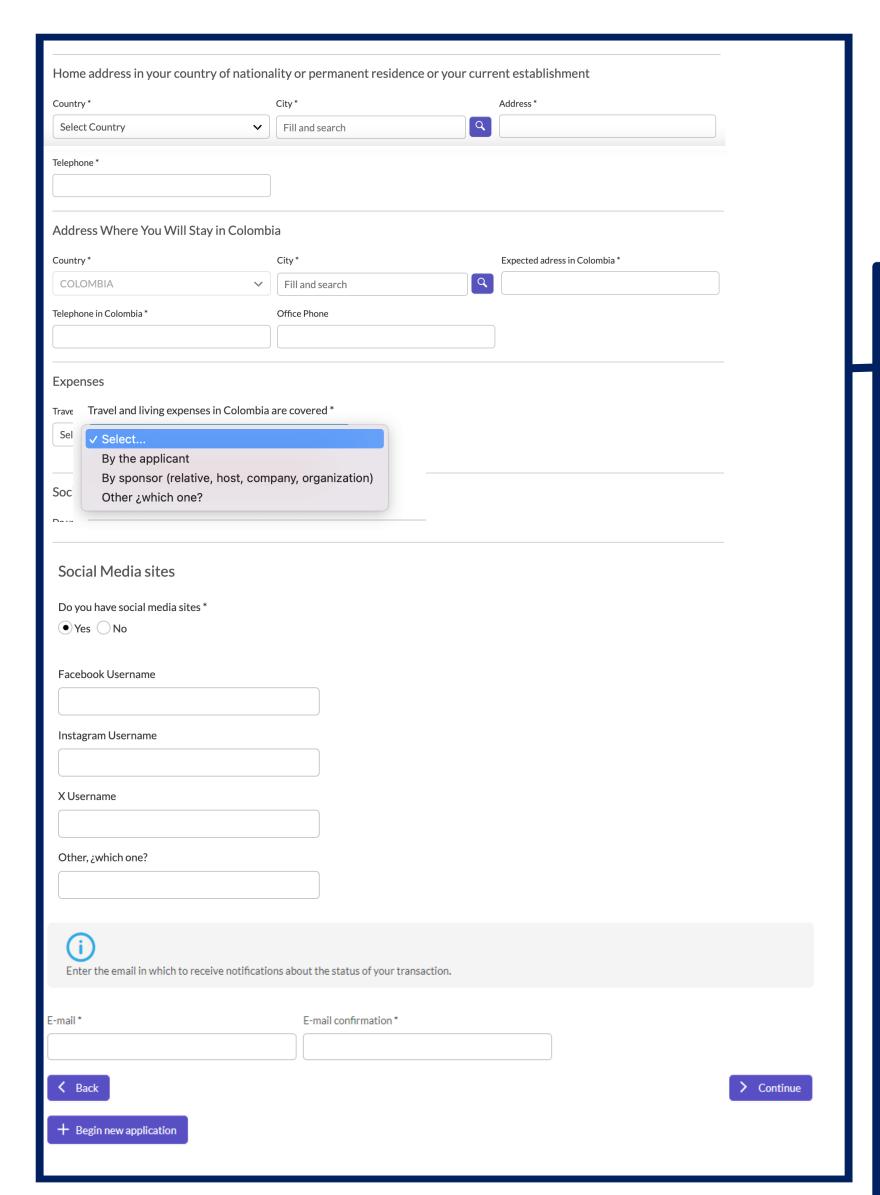
STEP #6 - Part 3

Academic training, occupation, and income.

Under Occupation and Income, select your occupation and profession.

The last question is asking about monthly income you have received when working in Colombia.

Most attendees needing a visa will choose "No Aplica" under the question about monthly income range, as they do not work or do official businesses in Colombia.



Addresses, expense coverage, and social media handles

Please add your current home address and phone number.

Enter the address in which you will stay in Colombia.

The city you will choose is: **Bogota, D.C.**

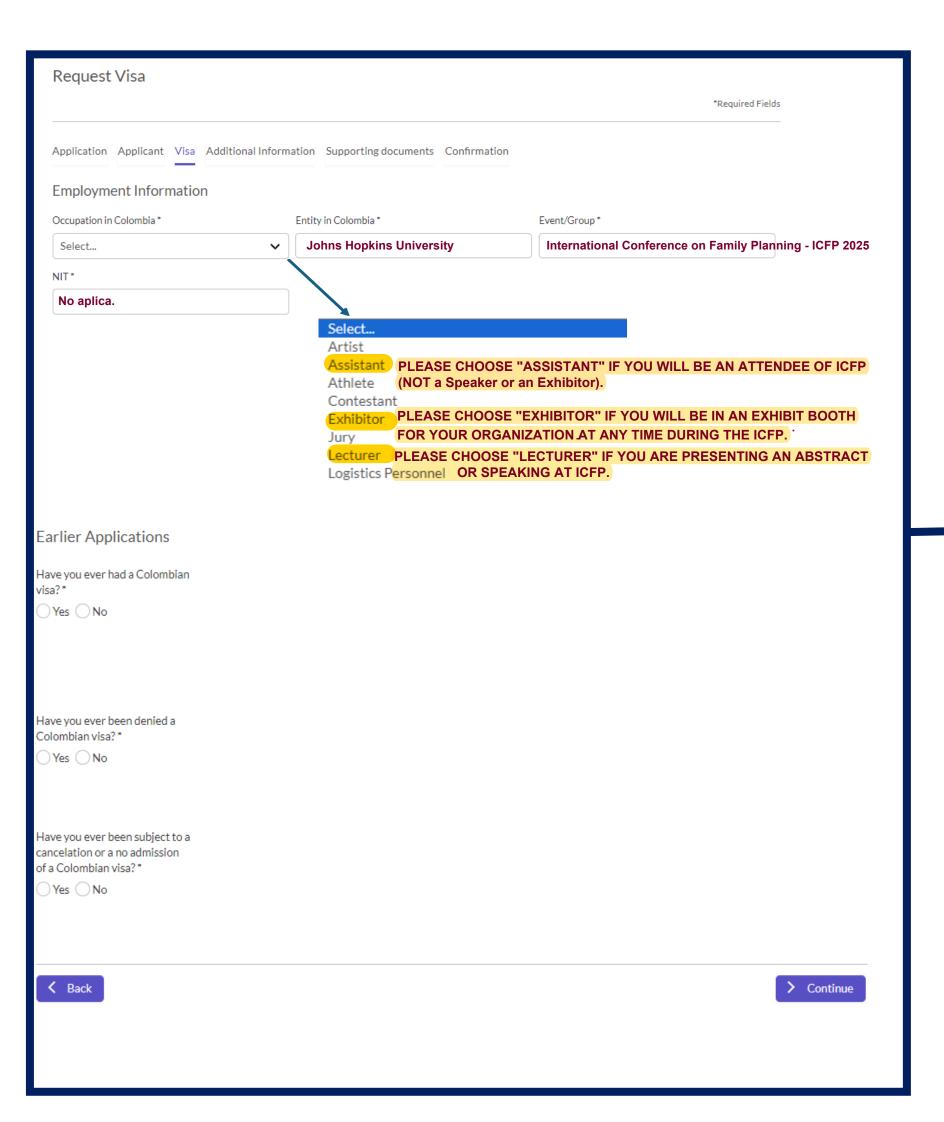
Enter the address and telephone number of the hotel/home in which you are planning to stay in Bogota.

In the "Expenses" field specify who will cover your travel costs: you (the applicant), an organization, grant, sponsor, university, or an individual, etc. If "By the applicant" is chosen, you may have to provide/upload bank statements (in Step 10 below) to prove that you have the means to pay for this travel.

Outline your social media handles (if applicable).

Enter the email that you would like notifications about the status of your visa sent to.

Click on "Continue."



Labor information,
Colombian entity
supporting your visa
application

Follow below to properly fill in the "Labor Information" exactly as described.

"Occupation in Colombia:" Specify the "job" you will perform in the country while at the ICFP (See the highlighted recommendations.)

"Entity in Colombia":

Indicate the agency/sponsor responsible for the event in the country. Please write "Johns Hopkins University" in this field.

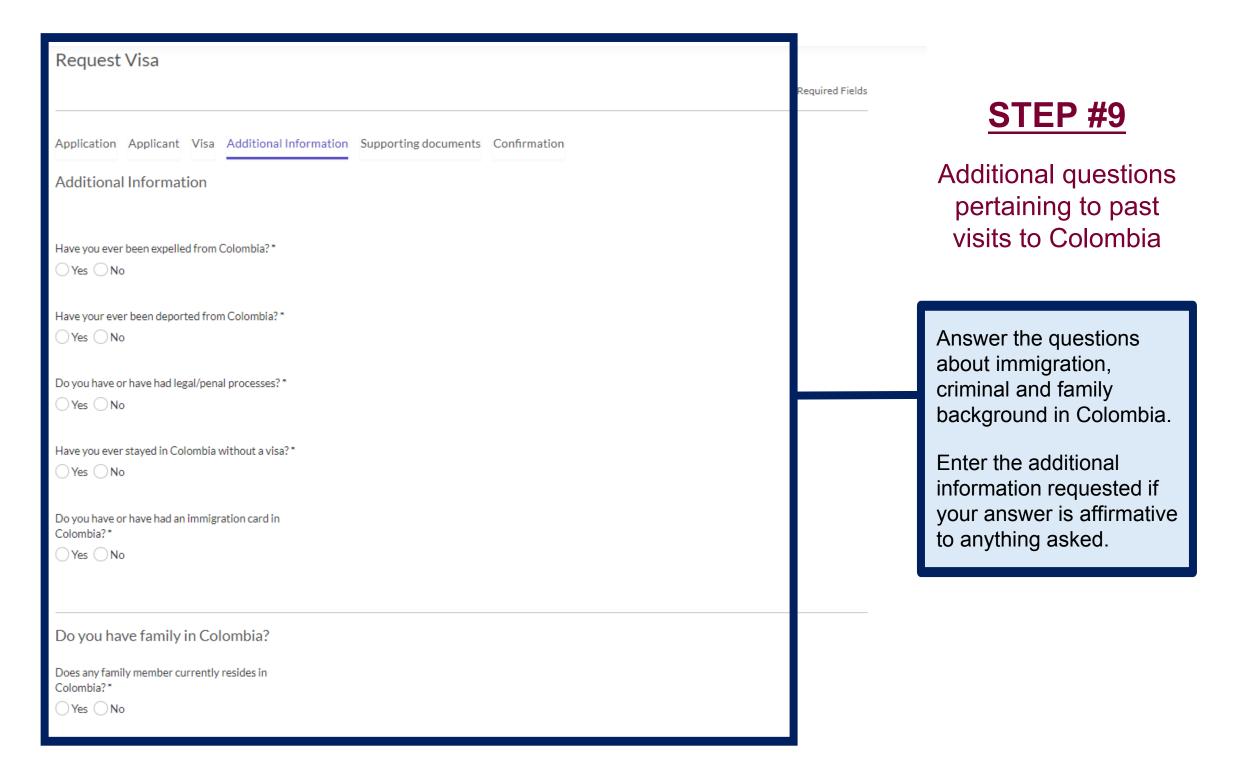
"Event/Group":

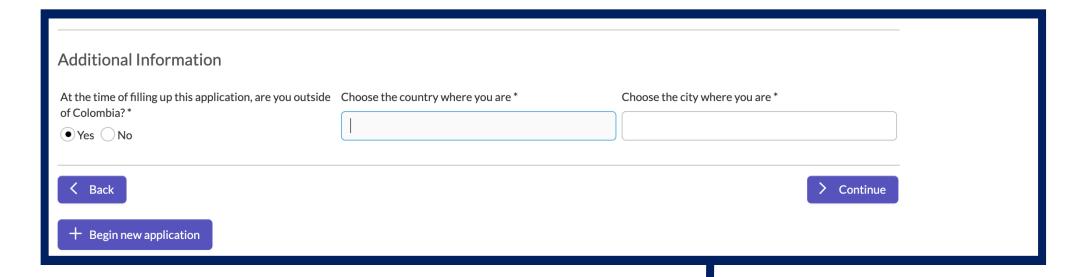
Indicate the name of the event or group or delegation you represent.
Please write "The International Conference on Family Planning - ICFP 2025" in this field.

<u>"NIT":</u>

(Tax Identification Number) In this field, please write "No aplica".

Answer the additional questions about any earlier visa applications if you have had them.





Please fill in the city and country from which you are filling out this application if outside of Colombia.

Click: 'Continue".

Upload digital photo and supporting visa documents adhering to all requirements.



Visa supporting documents

Name of document

Please upload the files in PDF format, in the indicated order. Bear in mind that the order of the documents could affect the results of the application.

Order of document	Name of document	Saved Document	Opciones
1	Provide a passport, travel document, or laissez-passer issued by an authority, international organization, or state recognized by the Government of Colombia, with a validity of at least six (6) months from the date of the visa application, in good condition and with blank pages for the visa stamp, in cases where this may be required. Provide a copy of the valid passport, travel document, or laissez-passer's main page showing the holder's personal and biometric information.	×	Q_
2	Foreigners requesting a visa while in Colombian territory must provide a copy of the passport page with the most recent entry stamp or equivalent entry authorization issued by the Special Administrative Unit of Migration Colombia or a safe-conduct to prove their regular stay in the territory.	×	+ a
3	Citizens of nationalities exempted from short-stay visa by resolution, who apply for their visa in the territory of a State other than that of their nationality, must provide a copy of the document that, in accordance with the immigration regulations of the country where they are staying, proving their regular stay. Citizens of nationalities not exempted from short-stay visa who apply for a visa in a country other than that of their nationality, must provide a copy of the document proving their migratory status as a resident.	×	O _
4	Submit a letter signed directly by the legal representative of the legal entity acting on its behalf, clearly establishing the following information: a) Full identification of the legal entity, indicating its NIT if it is incorporated in Colombia, along with its contact information; b) Complete identification of the foreign national; c) Letter from the legal representative of the legal entity sponsoring the application, stating the activity the foreign national will carry out and specifying who will be financially liable for expenses related to the foreign national's travel and stay in Colombia. This communication must also include the information of any other foreign nationals the company or legal entity may have sponsored for a Colombian visa application. The legal entity must also commit to the Government of Colombia to guarantee the foreign national's return to his/her country of origin or to report if he/she overstays illegally in Colombia; d) Explanation of the relationship or type of connection with the foreign national for whom the visa is being requested, and the specific qualifications or expertise of that person, if applicable; e) Statement of financial liability for the expenses related to the foreign national's travel to and stay in Colombia, in which the legal entity also commits to immediately notify the Visa Authority of any change in the conditions under which the visa was granted, to guarantee the foreign national's return to his/her country of origin, and to report to Colombian authorities if the foreign national overstays illegally in Colombia. This statement must be signed by hand and include a fingerprint of the right or left index finger, or right or left thumb; or signed before a competent foreign authority, in which case it shall be apostilled or legalized, as applicable.	×	+
5	When the legal entity supporting the applicant is private and incorporated abroad, a certificate of existence and legal representation or a document in lieu thereof must be provided. Except for the exceptions expressly provided in this resolution, any document created or issued outside the country must have an apostille or legalization, depending on the issuing or certifying authority, and an official translation into Spanish if it is not already in that language.	×	O
6	If the support of this applicant's travel comes from an individual (including the applicant) or a private entity that is not internationally known, documentation must be provided that demonstrates the liquidity of the legal entity through bank statements from the three months prior to the visa application. In the case of a public/known entity, this requirement does not apply. Bank statements can be uploaded under item 7.	×	9
7	If the person applying for V-visas is a Digital Nomad, Entrepreneur, and/or a Remote Worker, a support communication in Spanish or English must be issued by the foreign company for which the applicant provides services, indicating the type of relationship and the type of remuneration received by the applicant. In any case, the applicant must demonstrate with the bank statements that he/she has a minimum income equivalent to three (3) Minimum Legal Monthly Wages in force. (Approximately \$1,050 USD)	×	+ a ×

Click 'Continue' when finished uploading your required documents.

Be sure to attach a recent document-type photograph to the application that meets the technical requirements.

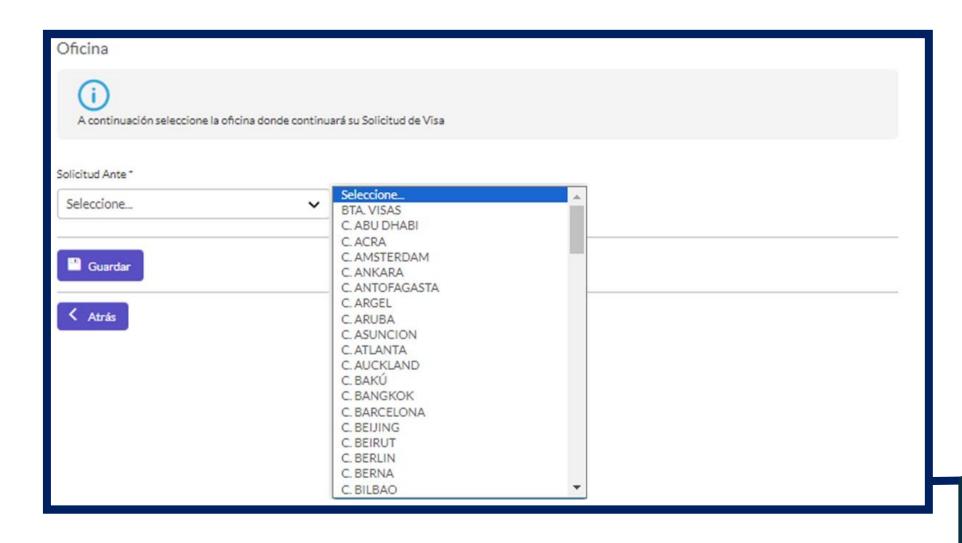
Applications with photos that do not meet the requirements would be unacceptable or rejected.

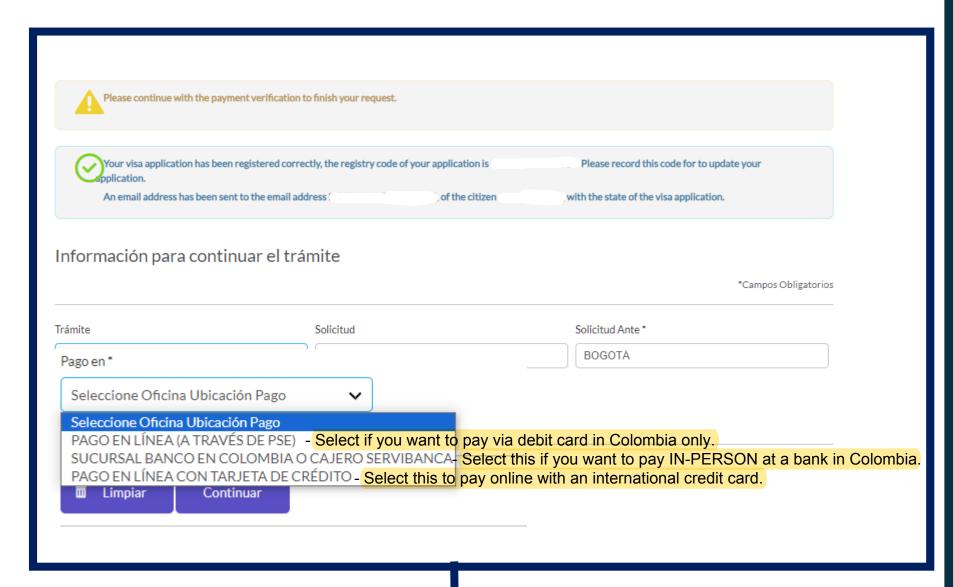
Avoid providing blurred, edited, cut, non-original photos or whose background lighting, and contrast do not allow the full identification of the applicant, or pretend to reflect or hide particular signs or an appearance that does not correspond to the real and current one.

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Please upload the documents needed for your application as PDFs.
Ensure all documents are clear and legible and upload using the upload icons indicated in the application.

- 1. Copyofthepassport (only the identification data page), which must be valid for at least 6 months. from time of the conference.
- **3.** If you reside in a country other than your country of nationality, you must also **provide a copy of the current official document** proving such permanent residence.
- 4. The official invitation letter from Johns Hopkins University (ICFP2025) and our country cohosts, which can be downloaded from Dryfta once you register for the ICFP 2025, can be utilized for this purpose, as it describes the nature and purpose of the applicant's visit to the country, and the duration and place of the activity.
- **5.** If your travel is sponsored by an entity outside of your own funds, an additional letter will also need to be obtained by the organization supporting you and uploaded.
- 6. If the financial responsibility for the visa and travel is assumed by the applicant themselves, documents proving solvency (bank statements, labor certification) must be attached to the application.





Select one of the visa application fee payment options:

- 1. Colombia residents may pay with debit card or in-person at a bank (the first two options).
- 2. Online payment with international credit card is the only method for all international attendees from outside of Colombia.

Click "Continuar."

STEP #11

Select the correct consulate to submit your online visa application. See chart here to select the appropriate consulate.) If you submit your application to the wrong embassy, it will be rejected and you will have to re-apply and YOUR APPLICATION FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

Select the Colombian consulate office to which to send your evisa application as outlined in the visa chart that corresponds to your passport country or your country of permanent residence, if different.

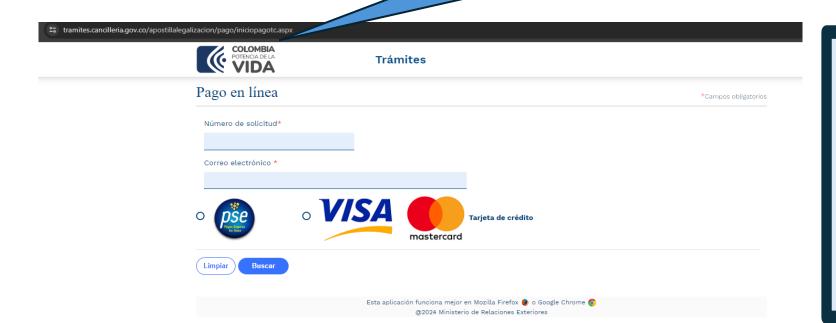
For example, if the applicant's nationality is Indian but their permanent residence is in the city of Bangkok, Thailand, they should submit their visa application to the Colombian Consulate in Bangkok and therefore select "C.BANGKOK".

In this case, the applicant must provide the official document certifying such permanent residence with a copy of the passport attached to the application.

Click here to find the consular district that corresponds to your country of residence.

Visa application payment.

You will be directed to the following page to settle your payment: https://tramites.cancilleria.gov.co/apostillalegalizacion/pago/iniciopagotc.aspx



Fill in your application number and email address registered in the application and select one of the two payment options. Only select PSE if you are located in Colombia and are paying with a debit card. Most people will need to select "Visa/ Mastercard" to pay.

AFTER RECEIVING THE CONFIRMATION OF THE VISA APPLICATION "STUDY" PAYMENT REGISTRATION, YOU WILLSEE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:



La solicitud será estudiada por la oficina, recibirá un correo notificando el resultado del estudio de la solicitud La solicitud ya se encuentra pagada.

The application will be reviewed by the office, and you will receive an email notifying you of the outcome of the application review. The application fee has already been paid.

Consulates have up to 30 days to complete the visa application study and give a decision on the visa application. All consulates operate autonomously and may request further information from the applicant or require additional documents beyond the basic requirements and visa applicants are obligated to comply with such requirements. Failure to do so may result in the visa application being deemed inadmissible.

Your visa application does not mean automatic authorization. The application may be authorized, inadmissible, or rejected. Please comply with any additional instructions given by your consulate.

Remember that the visa application has <u>two payments</u>: the first one corresponds to the visa application/study fee when you are filing your application, and the **second one is only paid when your visa is authorized and corresponds to the issuance fee**.

Once you have received approval of your visa application at the email address you used in your visa application, please immediately go to the link provided in the confirmation email and follow the instructions to pay for your visa so that it can be issued. Your visa will be sent to you via email. Please PRINT this visa confirmation to take with you when you travel, as you will need to present it.

If you do not receive your visa approval within the guaranteed 30-day time frame or your visa is deemed inadmissible or rejected, please email info@theicfp.org with the subject line "VISA ISSUE" and give us your name, visa study application number and a PDF of email received.