

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

between

Fundación para el Futuro de Colombia (“COLFUTURO”)

and

**The State Secretariat for Education, Research and
Innovation of the Swiss Confederation (“SERI”)**

(hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and individually
as a “Party”)

1. Purpose of the Agreement

The Fundación para el Futuro de Colombia (hereinafter “COLFUTURO”) and the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation of the Swiss Confederation (hereinafter “SERI”) share a common interest in strengthening academic cooperation and educational exchange between Colombia and Switzerland. The Parties therefore agree to renew their existing collaboration agreement signed on 22 August 2022 and 29 August 2022.

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote awareness and visibility of the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships among prospective Colombian researchers and postgraduate candidates, and to support academic exchange and research cooperation between both countries.

This Agreement does not entail any financial obligations for either Party.

The implementation, eligibility criteria, application procedures and selection process for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships shall be governed by the applicable regulations and procedures established by the Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships (“ESKAS”).

2. Areas of Cooperation

2.1. Promotion and Outreach

The Parties may cooperate in promoting the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships and postgraduate research opportunities in Switzerland among prospective Colombian applicants.

Such cooperation may include the dissemination of information through institutional communication channels, including official websites, newsletters, social media platforms, academic information sessions, webinars and other outreach activities in Colombia.

COLFUTURO may support the visibility of the scholarship programme through its academic advising and higher education outreach activities.

2.2. Information and Academic Orientation

COLFUTURO may provide prospective applicants with general information and academic orientation regarding postgraduate research opportunities in Switzerland and the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships.

This may include guidance on official scholarship information, publicly available eligibility requirements and application timelines, as well as general orientation regarding academic networking and contact procedures with Swiss academic institutions.

2.3. Academic and Networking Activities

The Parties may jointly organise information, networking and visibility activities related to higher education and research cooperation between Colombia and Switzerland.

Such activities may include information events hosted by the Embassy of Switzerland in Bogotá, participation of scholarship alumni, exchanges with representatives of Swiss academic institutions, and meetings with prospective applicants and other relevant stakeholders.

3. Scholarship Framework

Applications for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships shall be submitted through the official procedures and platforms established by the ESKAS.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Bogotá shall serve as the official contact point in Colombia for matters relating to the scholarship application and selection process and may provide information regarding the applicable scholarship procedures and requirements.

Applications submitted through the official procedures shall be assessed in accordance with the regulations and academic criteria established by the ESKAS.

Final decisions regarding the award of scholarships shall be taken by the ESKAS.

The scholarship award notification is subject to any decisions of the Swiss Confederation concerning academic exchanges between Switzerland and other countries, as well as to the Parliamentary funding decisions.

4. Institutional Coordination

The Parties may exchange relevant information and coordinate communication activities related to the implementation of this Agreement.

Each Party shall designate a contact person for the coordination of activities carried out within the framework of this Agreement. Each Party may change its designated contact person at any time by written notification to the other Party.

SERI may carry out the coordination of this Agreement through the Embassy of Switzerland in Bogotá.

The Parties designate the following contact persons:

For SERI / the Embassy of Switzerland in Bogotá: For COLFUTURO:

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5. Final Provisions

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last signature by the Parties and shall remain valid for a period of four (4) years.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

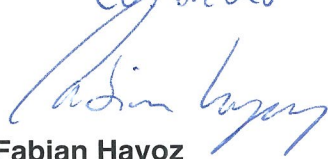
Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party at least thirty (30) days in advance.

The Parties shall endeavour to resolve amicably through consultation and dialogue any matter arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect activities or initiatives already underway by mutual consent of the Parties, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

For the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation of the Swiss Confederation

Date: 20.8.2026



Fabian Hayoz
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
(on behalf of SERI)

For COLFUTURO:

Date: Aug 20th, 2026



Camila Escobar Corredor
Executive Director
COLFUTURO

Annex: [ESKAS Requirements](#)