

Terms and Conditions

SANTANDER LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS | ONLINE ENGLISH COURSES 2023

BRITISH COUNCIL

First call for applications 2023

The **Spanish Delegation of the British Council Foundation** (hereinafter, British Council) with the financial support of **Banco Santander, S.A.**, has developed the **Santander Scholarships Language Programme | Online English Courses 2023**,

which will facilitate and promote the opportunity for students and young professionals over 18 years of age, living in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay to improve their English language skills in order to enhance their employability.

I. Objectives

The **Santander Scholarships Language Programme | Online English Courses 2023**" (hereinafter, the Programme) will facilitate and promote the participation of students and young professionals, who are over 18 years of age at the date of publication of the Programme's call for applications and who are resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, in the British Council's "Online English Learning" course, which will take place during the 2023 academic year.

The main objective of the Programme is to offer young people the opportunity to improve their English language skills in order to enhance their employability.

II. Target group

The Programme is open to students and young professionals (hereinafter, Participants) over 18 years of age at the date of publication of the Programme's call for applications and who are nationals of or resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, and who meet the eligibility requirements set out below.

Obtaining a grant for the Programme's online English course will be compatible with obtaining any other type of assistance of a different nature to that which is the object of this Programme, regardless of its public or private origin, to which the participant who undertakes the experience offered under the Programme may have access.

III. Characteristics of the Programme and available grants

The first call for applications for the **Santander Scholarships Language Programme | Online English Courses 2023** will consist in the issuance of 5000 grants for the completion of an **online English language training course** comprising 12 hours of tutored classes and a 48-hour self-study plan called **English Online Learning** from the British Council (hereinafter, the **Course**).

The Programme will be published on the Santander Scholarships platform (www.becas-santander.com/en) on 16 January 2023. The deadline for online registration on our website www.becas-santander.com/en is 13 April 2023 and notification of the grants will also be published via the same method on 25 April 2023 at (www.becas-santander.com/en).

The **details** are as follows:

The English for Work course comprises two integral but distinct elements: 12 online group classes with one of the programme's professors and access to self-study materials with videos and activities, with an estimated duration of 48 additional hours. In addition, students will have access to a maximum of four Live24 webinars per month. Beneficiaries of the programme must study the materials for the level assigned to them, starting 22 May 2023, and for no longer than 4 months (extendable by 2 months if necessary). The date is subject to change, at the discretion of the British Council.

The courses have five distinct levels, starting from beginner (A1) and ending at advanced (C1). To determine the level of each student, the British Council will carry out a placement test. Within their level, beneficiaries will learn to:

- i. Communicate effectively in a variety of professional situations, including meetings, conferences and presentations
- ii. Apply for a job and prepare for an interview
- iii. Develop grammar and vocabulary focused on the world of work
- iv. Establish contacts with other professionals in various fields

The British Council will provide appropriate academic follow-up to encourage beneficiaries to participate in the course and will monitor use of the online training. Upon completion of the course, students who have finished the programme can download or receive a certificate of attendance. This will indicate the estimated number of learning hours, level and date of completion. Furthermore, it should be understood that neither the placement test for

accessing the course, nor completion of the course constitute any official qualification of the participant's level of English.

Students are responsible for booking their classes and may cancel them in advance, but in the event that they do not do so and fail to attend the class, they will be marked absent and the class will not be reclaimable.

Internet and access to a computer are required to take this course.

Participants must meet the following eligibility requirements to obtain a grant for the Course:

- (i) Being a user of the Santander Scholarships platform (www.becas-santander.com/en) and having registered as an applicant.
- (ii) Being over 18 years of age and resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina or Uruguay.
- (iii) Completing the assessment test made available on the assessment tool on the Santander Scholarships platform, which will consist of a series of tests to assess competencies and skills, in order to select the beneficiaries of the Programme (**Assessment Test**).

For the allocation of the grants, the **British Council** will validate the fulfilment of the aforementioned requirements, and will rely on the ranking generated by the Assessment Test available on the Santander Scholarships platform to allocate places to those ranking highest.

In the event that allocated grants have not been accepted by participants, the **British Council** will allocate those grants to other Participants who meet the above mentioned admission requirements, by order of ranking on the tool, to ensure that no grants are unused.

Moreover, in order for the greatest number of participants to benefit from the Programme, the **British Council** may at any time, if it believes that not all of the grants will be allocated as planned, or if there is excessive demand for grants, decide to apply additional eligibility requirements for the grants, including extending the deadline of the application period.

IV. Management

In order to obtain a grant, it will be an essential condition to register for the Programme through the Santander Scholarships platform created for this purpose www.becas-santander.com/en. Notification of the award of the grant will be given through the management system on the aforementioned platform.

Participant registration will run from **16 January 2023** to **23.59 GMT+2 (Madrid time) on 13 April 2023**. The **British Council** may make changes to deadlines at its discretion.

Additionally, once Participants have completed the grant, they will be contacted via the platform to report on their overall satisfaction with the grant by means of a short questionnaire.

Participants should note that, if they change the email address that they originally used to register for the Programme during the registration period at www.becas-santander.com/en, they will need to retake the Assessment.

V. Allocation of places among participants

Allocation of the 5000 grants will take place from 25 April 2023.

Participants will be notified via the website and will have **seven calendar days** from the date and time of the notification to submit their acceptance, also via the website www.becas-santander.com. After the deadline, in the event that allocated grants have not been accepted by participants, the **British Council** will allocate those grants to other participants who meet the above mentioned admission requirements or any other additional requirements that the **British Council** may wish to consider in order to ensure that no grants are unused.

VI. Data protection

The below outlines the basic information of the Privacy Policy applicable to the Programme, which is available on the Santander Scholarships platform www.becas-santander.com/en/legal/privacy:

The data controller is Universia Holding S.L. (hereinafter referred to as Universia), with postal address Santander Group City, Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660, Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), Spain, and the contact details for the data protection officer are: dpo@universia.net.

On the grounds of registering participants for this Programme, the basic purposes of the Privacy Policy that affect them are the following:

Purposes of processing	Legal basis
Management of the user's registration on the platform and use of the service.	The execution of a contract put in place through the acceptance of the General Conditions of Use.

<p>Transfer of data to the Institutions and Promoters for the proper implementation of the Programme.</p> <p>Universia transfers the personal data provided by users at the time of registration to this Programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Institution that granted or that must grant the Programme: The Spanish Delegation of the British Council Foundation ▪ The Promoter who has sponsored, promoted or financed the Programme: Banco Santander, S.A. 	<p>The execution of a contract put in place through the acceptance of the General Conditions of Use of the platform and the Terms and Conditions of the Programme.</p>
<p>Compliance with legal obligations</p>	<p>Compliance with the obligations imposed on us by law.</p>

Users have the right to access their personal data, as well as to request the rectification of any inaccurate data, the limitation of its processing, the portability of their data or, where appropriate, request it be deleted when, among other reasons, the data is no longer necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, as well as not be subject to automated individual decision-making. Likewise, users have the right to withdraw their consent for the purposes for which it was provided at any time.

Users may contact dpo@universia.net to exercise their rights or, where appropriate, by mail to Avda de Cantabria s/n, Santander Universidades, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), Spain, providing proof of identity.

However, we recommend reading the Privacy Policy available on the Santander Scholarship platform (www.becas-santander.com/en/legal/privacy) for a better understanding.

VII. Modification of the Terms and Conditions of the Programme

Participation in this Call for Applications for the 2023 Programme implies acceptance by the Participants of its Terms and Conditions, and its decision, which will be final, as well as the waiver of any type of claim regarding any aspect of the same, including but not limited to, aspects such as the assignment, selection and eligibility criteria.

British Council and **Banco Santander, S.A.**, reserve the right to modify the Terms and Conditions of the Call for Applications 2023 for the Programme, in part or in full, at any given time, with the purpose of preserving the social impact pursued by **British Council** and

Banco Santander, S.A., through this call for application, informing Participants of said modifications through the website www.becas-santander.com/en.