

## Terms and Conditions

### BECAS SANTANDER LANGUAGE | UK SUMMER EXPERIENCE 2023 – BRITISH COUNCIL

The **Delegación en España de la Fundación British Council** (hereafter the "British Council"), with financial support from **Banco Santander, S.A.**, has created the **Becas Santander Language | UK Summer Experience 2023 – British Council** programme to help and encourage students and young professionals aged between 18 and 30 and either from or resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina or Uruguay to improve their English language skills and so increase their employability.

#### I. Goals

The **Becas Santander Language | UK Summer Experience 2023 – British Council** programme (hereafter the "**Programme**") will help and encourage students and young professionals aged between 18 and 30 on the date of publication of the Call for Applications to the Programme, and who are either from or resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina or Uruguay (hereafter the "**Participants**"), to take an on-site course at a British university in summer 2023.

The Programme's main goal is to provide young people with the opportunity to improve their English language skills and so increase their employability.

#### II. Eligibility

Students and young professionals (hereafter "**Participants**") aged between 18 and 30 on the date of publication of the Call for Applications to the Programme, and who are either from or resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Argentina or Uruguay and meet the admission requirements set out below, are eligible to participate in this Programme.

Receipt of a grant for the Programme's on-site English language course will be compatible with all other assistance unrelated to the object of this Programme to which the Programme Participant may be entitled, regardless of the origin (public or private) of such assistance.

#### III. Programme Characteristics and Grants Available

The **Becas Santander Language | UK Summer Experience 2023 – British Council** programme comprises 100 grants covering the cost of an on-site summer course at a British university. Each course will last for three consecutive weeks and will take place between 1 July and 17 August 2023. The Participants awarded the grants will be informed of the start and end dates and of the British university at which they will take the course. In addition to the English lessons, in their free time and at weekends students will have the opportunity to participate in a cultural/social programme and learn more about the country, meet students of other nationalities and visit the United Kingdom (hereinafter the "**Course**").

Full details of the Programme will be published on the Becas Santander platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)) on 7 November 2022. The Call for Applications via [www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)

will close on 30 January 2023 and award of the grants will be announced from 27 February 2023 onwards on the same platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)).

The **details** are as follows:

The Course offers three weeks of tutored lessons that will cover situations commonly encountered in everyday and professional life, thereby providing Participants with the opportunity to improve their ability to communicate in English in a variety of personal and professional situations and to enhance their vocabulary, pronunciation, reading comprehension and verbal and written expression. The emphasis will be on facilitating fluency and communication skills irrespective of the student's initial level of competence. Learning exercises may include situations commonly encountered in everyday and/or professional life. Participants will attend lessons with students of other nationalities, giving the experience a strong international dimension.

In addition to the daily lessons, the Course includes opportunities to participate in immersive cultural and social experiences in the United Kingdom, again offering Participants the opportunity to interact with both British and international students at the University. Upon completion of the Course, students who have successfully completed the Programme will receive a Course certificate indicating the estimated study hours, English language level and date of completion. Neither the modules taught on the Course nor the language level tests necessary to assign students to their corresponding groups lead to the award of an official qualification.

To obtain a grant for the Course, Participants must meet the following **admission requirements**:

- (i) Have a user account on the Becas Santander platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)) and register for the corresponding Call for Applications.
- (ii) Be aged between 18 and 30 on the date of publication of the Programme's Call for Applications.
- (iii) Be from or resident in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina or Uruguay.
- (iv) Complete the test on the Becas Santander platform consisting of a series of questions designed to evaluate potential Programme Participants' competences, skills and knowledge (the "Test").
- (v) Be available to travel to the United Kingdom between 1 July and 17 August.
- (vi) Submit all the documents required for the final selection process within the deadline set for that process.
- (vii) Have at least a lower intermediate level of English (normally equivalent to B1).

Participants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

**PHASE I:**

- (i) Fully satisfy the admission requirements.
- (ii) Achieve a high score on the Test.

The 400 highest-scoring candidates in PHASE I will advance to PHASE II, where they must:

## PHASE II:

- (i) Complete an additional questionnaire on the Becas Santander platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)), comprising:
- (ii) Motivation statement.
- (iii) LinkedIn profile.
- (iv) Upload a copy of their passport or ID card to the Becas Santander platform as proof of nationality/country of residence and age.
- (v) Provide proof of level of English competence, either by uploading an official English qualification certificate or, alternatively, by taking an English test to ensure that candidates have at least a lower intermediate level of English (normally equivalent to B1). Candidates who do not meet the required minimum level of English competence will not be admitted to the Programme.

Further to the above, **candidates must submit the following documentation:**

- (i) Copy of their passport or ID card as proof of nationality/country of residence and age.
- (ii) Official English qualification certificate if they have one (otherwise they will be required to take an English test).

Candidates should note the following:

### THE GRANT INCLUDES:

- Return flight between a major airport in the participant's home country and an airport close to the corresponding university in the United Kingdom.
- Accommodation in university halls of residence for the duration of the grant.
- Kitchen access and utensils + bedding.
- Daily tutored English lessons (excluding weekends) at the appropriate level for each student.
- Certificate of attendance upon completion of the Course.
- Social programme.
- Letter of invitation from the corresponding British university.

### THE GRANT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals.
- Transfers to/from the airports in the United Kingdom or in the participant's home country.
- Medical insurance.
- Visa application and processing.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Neither Santander nor the British Council will charge students for participating in the Programme.
- All Programme Participants must hold a **passport valid until at least March 2024 and, if so required on the grounds of their nationality, must have a visa to enter the United Kingdom**. The visa required is called a *UK visitor visa*. Obtaining a visa is estimated to take 8–12 weeks from the date of application and is the responsibility of the student.

- Before travelling to the United Kingdom, all Participants must **take out medical insurance** covering the length of their stay in the country.
- All students selected will receive instructions from the British Council regarding the UK Summer Experience programme but will not receive assistance or support in applying for visas, passports or medical insurance. Students without a visa or medical insurance will not be eligible for the grant and their place will be allocated to the next candidate on the waiting list with the necessary documentation and medical insurance to enter the country.
- The British Council, as provider of the Programme, will allocate students to participating universities according to logistical/organisational needs.
- The classes will include students from different countries and cultural environments.

When awarding the grants, the **British Council** will verify fulfilment of the above-mentioned requirements and will base its decision on the ranking generated by the evaluation tool available on the Becas Santander platform, assigning grants in rank order.

If an awarded grant is not accepted by the designated recipient within the stipulated deadline, the **British Council** will allocate that grant to the next-ranked Participant who meets the admission requirements above, repeating this process until all grants are awarded.

Likewise, in order to ensure that the Programme benefits the largest possible number of Participants, if at any time the **British Council** deems that the available grants will not all be awarded, or if there is excessive demand for them, it may decide to apply other admission requirements for the award of grants, including extending the deadline to attract new applicants.

#### **IV. Registration**

In order to receive a grant, Participants must submit their applications to the Programme via the Becas Santander platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)) provided for this purpose. Participants will be notified of award of the grant via the management system in place on this platform.

In addition, once the Participants have completed the Programme they will receive a message via the platform asking them to complete a short multiple-choice questionnaire indicating their level of satisfaction with the Programme.

Programme Participants **must register between 7 November 2022 and 23:59 (GMT+2, Madrid) 30 January 2023**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the **British Council** reserves the right to change the submission dates.

Applicants should note that if they change the e-mail address used to register for the Programme while the Call for Applications remains open on [www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com) they will be required to re-take the Test.

#### **V. Allocation of Places to Applicants**

Allocation of the 100 grants will take place from **27 February 2023** onwards.

Notice of allocation will be sent to the Participants, who will have **7 calendar days** from the date and time of notification to confirm acceptance, again doing so via the website ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)). Upon expiry of the deadline, if any awarded grants have not been accepted by the designated recipients, the **British Council** will allocate those grants to the next-ranked Participants who meet the admission requirements above, or any other requirements that the **British Council** deems appropriate, repeating this process until all grants are awarded.

## VI. Data Protection

Below is the key information on the Privacy Policy applicable to the Programme, as found on the Becas Santander platform ([www.becas-santander.com/es/legal/privacy](http://www.becas-santander.com/es/legal/privacy)):

The Data Controller is Universia Holding S.L. (hereafter "Universia"), the postal address of which is Ciudad Grupo Santander, Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), Spain. The contact address of the Data Protection Officer is [dpo@universia.net](mailto:dpo@universia.net).

As set out in the Privacy Policy, the purposes of data collection applicable to participants enrolling on this Programme are as follows:

Purpose of processing	Legitimate interest
Management of user registration on the platform and enjoyment of the service.	Performance of a contract entered into upon acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions of Use.
Transfer of data to the participating Institutions and Sponsors to ensure proper implementation of the Programme:  Universia transfers the personal data that users provide when enrolling on this Programme to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Institution providing the Programme: Delegación en España de la Fundación British Council.</li><li>▪ The Sponsor supporting, promoting or funding the Programme: Banco Santander S.A.</li></ul>	Performance of a contract entered into upon acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions of Use of the platform and of the Terms and Conditions of this Programme.
Compliance with legal obligations	Compliance with the obligations imposed by law.

Users have the right to access their data, to request modification of inaccurate data, to request restriction of processing, to request data portability or, where applicable, to request erasure of their data when, among other reasons, the data are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were collected or when the user wishes to exercise the right not to be the subject of automated individual decisions. Likewise, users have the right to withdraw their consent to processing for the purposes stated at any time.

To exercise their rights, users should address their request to [dpo@universia.net](mailto:dpo@universia.net) or, as applicable, to Avda de Cantabria s/n, Santander Universidades, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), Spain, enclosing documentary proof of identity.

To better understand their rights, users are recommended to read the Privacy Policy found on the platform ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)).

## **VII. Amendment of the Programme's Terms and Conditions**

Participation in the 2023 Call for Applications to the Programme implies acceptance of the corresponding Terms and Conditions and final decision, which shall not be subject to appeal, as well as waiver of any claim in respect of any aspect relating to them, including but not limited to the allocation, selection and admission criteria.

The **British Council** and **Banco Santander, S.A.** reserve the right to amend at any time, either in part or in full, the Terms and Conditions of the 2023 Call for Applications to the Programme in order to ensure achievement of the social impact intended by the **British Council** and **Banco Santander, S.A.** with this Call for Applications, informing Participants of any such amendments via the website ([www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com)).