

## Terms and Conditions

### BECAS SANTANDER LANGUAGE | ONLINE ENGLISH COURSES 2023

#### BRITISH COUNCIL

#### Third Call 2023

The **Delegation in Spain** of the British Council Foundation (hereinafter, "British Council") with the financial support of **Banco Santander, S.A.**, has developed the **Santander Language Scholarship Program | Online English Courses 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call**

which will facilitate and promote those students and young professional over the age of 18 residing in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay have the opportunity to improve their English skills in order to improve their employability.

#### I. Objectives

Under the programme "**Santander Language Scholarships | Online English Courses 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call**" (hereinafter the "Program") will facilitate and promote that students and young professionals over 18 years of age, on the date of publication of this notice for the Program and who are residents of Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, United States, United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, participate in the online training course in English "Online English Learning" of the British Council, which will be developed during the 2023-24 school year.

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

#### II. Recipients

Students and young professionals (hereinafter, the "Participants") who are over 18 years of age at the date of publication of this Call for Proposals for the Program and who are nationals or residents of Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay and, in addition, meet the admission requirements set forth below, may be beneficiaries of this *Program*.

Obtaining a scholarship for the online training course in English of the Program will be compatible with that of other types of assistance of a welfare nature other than that of the object of this Program, whatever its public or private origin, to which the participant who performs the practice under it can access.

### III. Program Features and its available scholarships

This call for applications to the **Santander Language Scholarships Programme | The 2023 Online English Courses – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call** will consist of the award of 5,000 scholarships for an **online English language training course** consisting of 12 hours of tutored tuition and a programme of approximately 48 hours of self-study called **English Online Learning** of the British Council (hereinafter, the "**Course**") in 16 weeks.

The Programme will be published on September 07, 2023 on the Santander scholarship platform [www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com), which will be replaced by the domain [www.santanderopenacademy.com](http://www.santanderopenacademy.com) in the future (called, the "Platform"). The deadline for registrations on the Platform will end on December 13, 2023 and the awarding of scholarships will be communicated from December 20, 2023 through the same means.

The **details** are as follows:

The English for Work course consists of two integrated but differentiated elements: 12 online group classes with a program teacher and access to self-learning materials with videos and activities and an estimated duration of 48 extra hours. In addition, students can access a maximum of 4 Live24 webinars per month. The beneficiaries of the Programme must study the materials of the assigned level starting on **08 January 2024**. The courses will have a duration of 16 weeks. This date may be changed at the discretion of the British Council.

The courses have five different levels, starting at Beginner (A1) and ending at Advanced (C1). To determine each student's level, the British Council will conduct a level test. Within their level, beneficiaries will learn to:

- i. Communicate effectively in different professional situations, including meetings, conferences, and/or presentations.
- ii. Apply for a job and prepare for an interview
- iii. Develop vocabulary and grammar focused on the professional environment
- iv. Get in touch with other professionals from different areas and countries

The British Council will carry out the necessary follow-up to motivate beneficiaries' participation in the course and monitor the use of the Online Training. Upon completion of the course, students who have completed the program will be able to download or receive a certificate of course attendance, indicating the estimated number of learning hours, level, and date of completion.

Similarly, it should be understood that neither the level test to access the course nor the completion of the course grants any official English level title.

Students are responsible for booking their classes and may cancel them in advance, but in case of not doing so and not attending, they will be marked absent, and the class will not be recoverable.

You will need to have internet and access to a computer to be able to take the course.

The admission requirements that Participants will have to meet in order to obtain a scholarship for the Course will be as follows:

- (i) Be a user of the Platform and have registered in the corresponding call.
- (ii) Be over 18 years old and reside in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Brazil, United States, United Kingdom, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay.
- (iii) Complete the assessment test provided in the assessment tool available on the Santander Scholarships platform, which will consist of a series of tests to assess skills and competences, for the purpose of selecting the beneficiaries of the Programme ("**Assessment Test**").

For the award of the scholarships, the **British Council** will validate compliance with the above requirements and will rely on the classification generated by the Assessment Test available on the Santander Scholarships platform to assign places to the first graduates.

In the event that there are allocated scholarships that have not been accepted by the participants through the Platform within 7 calendar days, the British Council will allocate the scholarships to other Participants who meet the admission requirements indicated above and in order of ranking according to the tool so that the scholarships are not left vacant.

Likewise, once the candidates have accepted the scholarship in the Program through the Platform and have received the notification to begin the course, they will have 16 calendar days from that moment to access and register on the **British Council** platform and if they do not do so, the scholarship could be allocated to another Participant following the same criteria as detailed in the previous paragraph. In order to ensure that the Programme can benefit the greatest number of Participants, if at any time the British Council considers that the planned scholarships will not be allocated, or if there is an excessive demand for them, it may decide to apply other admission requirements for the allocation of scholarships, even extending the deadline for applicants to apply for them.

#### **IV. Management**

It will be an unavoidable condition for obtaining a scholarship to enroll in this call for the Program through the Santander Becas platform. The notification of the grant will be communicated through the management system enabled on the platform.

**Participants must register between September 07, 2023 and December 13, 2023 at 23:59 GMT+2 (Madrid time zone).** Without prejudice to the British Council's ability to modify the deadlines. In addition, once the enjoyment of the scholarship by the Participants has been completed, they will receive a communication through the platform so that they can convey the satisfaction of the enjoyment of the scholarship through a short questionnaire in test mode.

Applicants should keep in mind that in case of modification of the email used for enrollment in the Program during the period in which the call is open to the public into the Platform, it will be necessary to take the Assessment Test again.

#### **V. Allocation of vacancies among candidates**

The award of the 5,000 scholarships to the Participants will be made from December 20, 2023.

Such assignment will be communicated to the participant, who will have a period of **7 calendar days** from the date and time of the communication to process his acceptance, all through the [www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com) website. At the end of the period, in the event that there are scholarships awarded that have not been accepted by the Participants, the **British Council** will award the scholarships to other Participants who meet the admission requirements set out above or any additional scholarships that the **British Council** may consider with the aim of ensuring that the scholarships are not abandoned.

#### **VI. Data protection**

The Data Controller for the admission and management of the Programme is the Spanish Delegation of the British Council Foundation (hereinafter British Council), with postal address at Paseo General Martinez Campos 31, 28010, Madrid (Spain) and contact details for the Data Protection Officer: [dpospain@britishcouncil.es](mailto:dpospain@britishcouncil.es). The British Council's privacy policy is available at <https://www.britishcouncil.es/privacidad-cookies/proteccion-datos>.

#### **Data that we process and where it comes from.**

The British Council, in its role as a collaborating entity for the management of the scholarship, receives the personal data of the users who register for the present Programme from the Becas Santander platform, whose responsible party is Universia Holding, SL with postal address Ciudad Grupo Santander. Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660, Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), Spain and with

contact details for the Data Protection Officer: dpo@universia.net, in relation to participation in this Programme, which includes registration, the evaluation tool and the communications tool with Users.

Likewise, the British Council will include in the call for applications for this Programme the questions and requests for information necessary to accredit, evaluate and manage the User's candidacy. In this sense, it may process: identification data, data relating to personal characteristics, academic and professional data, data relating to employment, and data relating to personality (the latter in relation to the evaluation that the British Council may make of the Users for the Programme).

#### **Purposes for which the personal data will be processed.**

The data of the Users that is collected for the purposes of this Programme will be processed by the British Council in order to manage this call for applications, evaluate the applications and communicate to the Users whether or not they have been admitted to the Programme. It will also process the personal data of users admitted to the Programme for the execution of the Programme awarded, which it will inform them of at the start of the Programme. The legitimate basis that allows the aforementioned processing is the execution of the present Particular Conditions or Legal Basis. Likewise, the British Council may additionally process the data of the Users in order to comply with the legal obligations required by the legislation in force, and therefore the legitimate basis for this processing is the fulfilment of a legal obligation.

#### **Recipients of personal data.**

Users' personal data will only be communicated to the authorities and public institutions for the performance of their functions when they are competent to request them. In some cases, the applicable regulations require information to be shared with public authorities or public organizations in order for them to carry out their functions. For example, tax authorities or courts of law, which would use Users data for their own purposes.

### **Criteria for Retention of Personal Data.**

The British Council will retain the data it has obtained as a result of this call for applications in its systems as follows:

- In respect of applicant Users who are not admitted to the Programme, the data will be retained for the duration of the administration of the call and for a maximum of six months from the closure of the call.
- In the case of Users who are admitted to the Programme, the data will be kept for the duration of the Programme and for a maximum of seven years in accordance with the British Council's corporate archiving criteria.

### **Users' rights over their personal data.**

Users have the right to access their data, as well as to request the rectification of inexact data, the limitation of its processing, the portability of their data or, where appropriate, to request its deletion when, among other reasons, the data is no longer necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, as well as not to be subject to automated individual decisions.

Likewise, users have the right to remove their consent for the purposes for which they have given it at any time.

Users may contact [dospain@britishcouncil.es](mailto:dospain@britishcouncil.es) to exercise these rights.

Likewise, they should contact [dpo@universia.net](mailto:dpo@universia.net) to exercise their rights over their data held on the Becas-Santander platform, for which Universia Holding SL is responsible.

## **VII. Modification of Program Terms and Conditions**

The fact of attending this Call 2023 of the Program implies the acceptance by the Participants of its Terms and Conditions and its resolution, which will be unappealable, as well as the waiver of any type of claim on any aspect provided for therein, without wishing to be exhaustive, aspects such as the criteria of attribution, Selection, and admission.

**The British Council and Banco Santander, S.A., reserve the right to modify the Terms and Conditions of the 2023 Programme Call, in whole or in part, at any time in order to preserve the social impact that the British Council and Banco Santander, S.A. , continue with this invitation, informing about the modifications introduced to the Participants through the website [www.becas-santander.com](http://www.becas-santander.com).**