



RESEARCHER VISA

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OVERVIEW

Visa to engage in training, research, development and innovation activities at public or private entities in the following cases:

- Research staff referred to in article 13 and additional provision one of Act 14/2011 of 1 June on Science, Technology and Innovation.
- Scientific and technical staff carrying out scientific research, development and technological innovation work at business entities or R&D&i centres established in Spain.
- Researchers hosted, in the framework of an agreement, by public or private research bodies.
- Teaching staff hired by universities, higher education and research bodies or centres, or business schools established in Spain.

In order to apply for a Researcher Visa, the applicant must have an Authorization of Initial Residence for Research. (“Autorización de residencia inicial para investigación”) issued by the UGECE (“Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos”, del “Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones” de España – “Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit”, “Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration” of Spain).

The following family members of the researcher may also obtain the visa:

- The spouse or unmarried partner.
- Children and adult children who are financially dependent on the researcher and who have not created a family unit of their own.
- Relatives in the ascending line in the researcher's care.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- The application must be submitted in person or by a duly accredited representative at the BLS Visa Application Center for Spain in Jakarta. The representative must provide proof of his/her identity through an original passport or identity document and provide an authorization letter signed by the applicant.

More information and appointments at:

<https://idn.blsspainvisa.com/>

- Kindly note that only applications from residents in Indonesia and Timor Leste will be accepted.
- Residents in other countries must apply for their visas at their country of residence.
- All submitted documents must be originals and copies of those. At the end of the procedure, original documents will be delivered back to the applicant and the copies will be kept with the file at the Embassy.
- All documentation in a foreign language must be translated into Spanish:
- You may find a sworn translator in Spain here:
<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Buscador-STIJ.aspx>
- The translations made by a sworn translator in Spain do not need to be legalized, but if other translators make the translation it must be legalized by the Embassy/Consulate of Spain in the country where the document was issued.
- **Translated documentation Bahasa Indonesia into Spanish will be legalized by the Embassy. Legalization fee will be applied. (More information at emb.yakarta.sc@mae.es)**
- When necessary to assess the application, the Consular Office may request additional documents or data and may ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview. Please check said contact details are correct and accurate.
- No information will be provided about the status of the visa before the process has ended.



DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A NON LUCRATIVE VISA WITH THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN

1. National Visa application form. Each applicant, or his or her representative, must complete and sign a visa application form, filling in each of its sections. If the applicant is a minor, one of their parents or a duly accredited representative must sign the application.

2. One photograph: Glued or clipped (not stapled) onto visa application form. Photo specifications: Passport-size Size:, colour photograph, recent (taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance), printed on matte/glossy paper, taken against a white, light, clear, uniform background, facing forward, without dark or reflective glasses, or any garments concealing the applicant's full oval of the face.

Photos with a dark background or with objects or people that can be seen behind the head will not be accepted.

Photographs of babies must not show any part of the adult holding them.

3. Valid, unexpired passport. Original and a photocopy of the page or pages of the passport that contain biometric data. The passport must have a minimum validity period of 1 year and contain two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

If the passport does not meet the requirements, it must be renewed before applying for the visa.

4. Residence authorization. Authorization of Initial Residence for Research ("Autorización de residencia inicial para investigación"). The authorization is issued by the UGECE ("Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos", del "Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones" de España – "Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit", of the "Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration" of Spain).

Each family member accompanying the researcher must submit a Residence authorization issued in favor of the family member.

This document is issued by the competent Authority in Spain and without it the application cannot be accepted.

5. Criminal record check certificate.

Applicants of legal age (18 years old and older) must submit the original and a photocopy (not notarized) of their criminal background check certificate(s) issued by their country or countries of residence for the past 2 years.

Once this document has been issued, it must be:

- First: Apostilled/Legalized

In case of Indonesian Police Record:



The Embassy of Spain only will accept Indonesian police records issued by the “Badan Intelijen Keamanan” (BAINTELKAM) in Jakarta (address: JL. Trunojoyo 3 – Kebayoran Baru – Jakarta 12110) in Indonesian and English languages.

The Embassy will not admit neither legalize Indonesian police records issued by organizations other than the abovementioned.

Once the Indonesian Police Record has been issued, it must have the Apostille of La Hague issued by the Ministry of Law and Human Rights (KEMENKUMHAM).

In case of Timor Leste Police Record:

It must be legalized by Ministry of Justice of Timor Leste after that, it must be legalized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Timor Leste and finally by the Embassy of Spain in Jakarta.

- Second: All the documentation must be translated into Spanish.

If the applicant has spent more than 6 months (more than 180 days) during the last 2 years in another country (outside the Indonesia, Timor Leste or Spain), an additional criminal background check from every country of residence must be provided. The criminal background checks must be authenticated with the The Hague Apostille, unless it is issued by an EU member state. The criminal background check issued by an EU authority does not need to be apostilled to be accepted. If the country in which the applicant has lived in the past 2 years does not subscribe to The Hague Convention of 1961, the background check must be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and then by the Consulate of Spain in this country. The background check must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish (if the original is not written in Spanish).

Please submit an original and a copy of all documents: Criminal background check, Apostille and official translation.

6.- Responsible Declaration of the absence of criminal records in the countries where you have resided during the previous 5 years.

Bank statements or any other proof of financial means from outside Indonesia/Timor Leste, must be duly stamped with original bank stamps, notarized and apostilled/legalized in order to provide reliable proof of authenticity and to be considered.

Last Individual Tax Declaration in the country of residence (Indonesia - Timor Leste).

Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

7. Proof of legal residence in the consular demarcation Indonesian KTP and KARTA KELUARGA or in case of foreigners KITAS or KITAP.



8. Proof of the representative's identity and capacity. If the visa application is submitted through a representative, a copy of the identity document or passport of the representative and of the power of attorney or document accrediting representation must be submitted. The originals must be shown when submitting the application. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

9. Payment of the visa fee.

Payment made to BLS. Non-refundable. Different rates apply due to reciprocity.

Fees from January 1, 2026:

U.S. citizens: Additional cost of 2 340 000 IDR in addition to the general visa fee

Citizens of Australia: 51 490 000 IDR (VIS investigación postgrado)

Citizens of Canada: 13 160 000 IDR (VIS Residencia Ley emprendedores)

Citizens of Ethiopia: 9 110 000 IDR (Visados investigadores y familiares RIN y RUE)

Citizens of the UK: 15 990 000 IDR (Visados investigadores y familiares RIN y RUE)

All other nationalities: 1 760 000 IDR

Visa fees are revised quarterly according to current exchange rates and can be subject to changes.

Required documents for family members:

For each family member accompanying the researcher, the following must be submitted:

- All the required documents specified in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9. Where applicable, those specified in sections 5, 6, 8 also. In the case of minors, the visa application must be signed by one of their parents or by a duly accredited representative.

Please note that in case of accompanying family members, each applicant must submit a different residence authorization (point 4). That means every residence authorization must indicate the name of the family member.

- Documents proving family relationship with the researcher: birth or marriage certificates issued by the civil registry, certificate of registration as an unmarried couple or any other document proving that the relationship is an unregistered partnership.
- In case of an unregistered couple with a stable emotional relationship equivalent to a registered couple: Documents proving the unregistered partnership with the applicant for at least 1 year, for evaluation. When there are children in common,



it will be sufficient to submit the children's birth certificate and prove stable cohabitation.

- In the case of adult children (18 y.o. and older), Documents proving financial dependence, the adult child's civil status and that they continue to form part of the family unit. It can be certificates of disability, of single status, of cohabitation at the same address, of studies, etc..
- In case of relatives in the ascending line (65 y.o. and older parents): documents proving financial dependence and that they form part of the family unit..

Foreign official documents must be apostilled or legalized and must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

Please submit the original and a copy of all the documents proving family relationship.

Additional documents, Interview:

When necessary to assess the application, the Consular Office may request additional documents or data and may also ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview.



Procedure

This Consular Office is competent to accept visa applications from individuals residing in the consular district. (Indonesia and Timor Leste)

- **Who can apply for a permit:** Visa applications must be submitted in person by the applicant or by a duly accredited representative (provided with a power of attorney). If the applicant is accompanied by family members, the applicant (or the representative) can submit the applications for all the family members. It is not necessary that the family members come in person to the BLS Office to submit their application.
- **Place of submission:** The application must be submitted by appointment only to the BLS Spain Visa Application Center for Spain in Yakarta.

BLS – SPAIN VISA APPLICATION CENTER, YAKARTA

Unit No. 805, Lantai 08, Menara Thamrin,
Jalan MH Thamrin Kav. 03, Jakarta Pusat,
Jakarta 10250, Indonesia

Email: info.jkt@blshelpline.com, feedback.jkt@blshelpline.com

Phone number: +62 213 117 2169

Please be sure that you have already all the required documents before scheduling an appointment, as only complete applications with all the requirements will be admitted.

To find more information and schedule an appointment at BLS Spain Visa Application Center in Yakarta, please contact BLS Spain Visa Application Center

Rectifying the application: The Consular Office may ask the applicant to submit any missing documents, or to provide additional documents or data that are necessary for a decision regarding the application. The applicant may also be called in for a personal interview.

Decision period: The legal period for reaching a decision is **10 days** as of the day after the submission date of the application, but this period may be extended when an interview or additional documents are requested.

Collecting the visa: BLS Office will inform the applicant regarding the procedure to collect /return the passport and any other original documentation.

Visa refusal: Visa refusals will always be notified in writing, setting forth the grounds on which the decision adopted was based.

Appeals: If a visa is refused, the applicant may submit an appeal for reconsideration to this Consular Office within 1 month of the day following the date on which notification of the refusal is received. An application for judicial review may also be filed with the



High Court Justice of Madrid within the 2-month period beginning the day after the date on which the applicant receives notification of the visa refusal or of the dismissal of the reconsideration appeal.

Validity period of the visa: The visa is valid for 1 year, or for the same period as the residence authorization granted (if the residence authorization is valid for less than 1 year).

The visa accredits residence in Spain during its validity period, making it unnecessary for the worker to obtain a Foreigner Identity Card. However, it is advisable to apply for a Foreigner Identity Card (T.I.E., Tarjeta de Identificación de Extranjeros) after the worker's entry into Spain, especially if the residence authorization is valid for more than 1 year. The TIE is renewable, and it is possible to initiate the TIE renewal procedure within 60 days before the expiration of the card.