

**The Latin American Business Association Fellowship at Columbia Business School, Class of 2018**

The Latin American Business Association (LABA) fellowship is funded by LABA for a deserving student who exhibits an outstanding professional and academic record and strong commitment to Latin America. The purpose of this application is to identify a student who will not only excel in her or his professional career related to Latin America but will also contribute to the experience of fellow Latin American students at Columbia Business School. A selection committee consisting of several LABA board members and a faculty member will select one recipient of the scholarship in the spring of 2016.

Admitted students will be able to apply to be considered for this scholarship. The fellowship will cover tuition in the amount of \$4,000 for the first academic year and the criteria are as follows:

- Student must be admitted to the Class of 2018 at Columbia Business School for the Master of Business Administration program.
- Applicants must exhibit a leadership, knowledge of and passion for doing business in Latin America with a strong desire of going to Latin America to work after their studies at Columbia Business School.
- Applicants do not need to be citizens of a Latin American country but have to demonstrate extensive and valuable experience working in Latin America.
- We will consider applicants from all professional backgrounds.
- Applicants must present an impeccable academic track record.
- The recipient will be given the leadership position of Secretary of the Board that will manage and select the following year's LABA Fellowship recipient.
- The scholarship selection process will focus strictly on LABA's review of this application. The application for admission to Columbia Business School will have no bearing on the decision.

The selection committee will review all submitted applications and select a group of finalists from which the fellow will be selected. The selection committee will focus on the student's experience prior to business school, their plans while at Columbia Business School, their knowledge of the region and their ability to become leader among the Latin American community at Columbia Business School.

The recipient of the fellowship commits to return the amount given as a LABA Fellow back to LABA for the purpose of using those funds to support new generations of LABA Fellows. Whenever the recipient starts making an annual gross salary over \$80,000 she or he agrees to provide back \$4,000 to LABA so that they can be used to fund that year LABA Fellowship. The repayment schedule will be agreed between LABA and the Fellow. The year of the repayment, LABA Fellowship will be named under the provider of the funds as a symbol of gratitude.

Please submit your application electronically by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 26 to Georges De Bourguignon (gdebourguignon16@gsb.columbia.edu). You will receive a confirmation email that we have received your application within 24 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please reach out to Georges De Bourguignon.

We will notify finalists of their selection on March 6, conduct interviews March 7 – March 10 and announce the recipient of the scholarship on March 20.

**Completion of this application is mandatory in order to be considered for the LABA Fellowship at**

**Columbia Business School**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities in campus groups and/or community service organizations prior to business school:

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How are you planning on financing your years of study (this information will be treated with strict confidentiality)?

- Student loans \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal cash/assets \_\_\_\_\_
- Columbia or outside scholarship \_\_\_\_\_
- Family or outside assets \_\_\_\_\_
- Company sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Attach to Submission

- Statement of Purpose (up to 600 words) – **Describe a defining moment in your life and how it has shaped your view of leadership. In addition, address how you see yourself having an impact in Latin America and how you will add to the LABA community.**
- One page Resume/CV (include GPA and GMAT score)
- Copy of undergraduate and any former graduate degree transcripts showing cumulative GPA

I hereby certify that I have provided accurate information in this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_