Opportunities for a better world
Education & fellowships

Opportunities for a better world

At "la Caixa” Foundation we believe in people’s capacity to transform the world. That’s why we work to give them as many opportunities as possible through education, supporting them during the different stages of learning and throughout their lives (lifelong learning).

In this respect:

· We provide access to education by supporting families at risk of social exclusion, through the CaixaProinfancia programme.

· We promote education in some of the most vulnerable and impoverished places on the planet, through ProFuturo.

· We foster good quality teaching, educational leadership and the acquisition of skills within schooling, through EduCaixa.

· We support students and researchers with the greatest potential so they can be trained at the best universities and research centres in the world, through our Fellowship programme.

In short, we provide programmes that encourage and support teachers, school leaders, students and researchers in their transformative work.

Our commitment to the future:

to foster learning, training and knowledge in order to help improve society, by means of rigour and excellence in all our processes and in collaboration with internationally renowned institutions.
At CaixaProinfancia we’ve devoted more than a decade to breaking the cycle of poverty that’s passed down from generation in generation, by means of educational interventions and as part of a comprehensive model of social action.

Through our partner social organisations, we ensure these families have access to:
- Remedial support and school resources
- Open centres
- Summer camps and activities
- Educational family workshops

CaixaProinfancia’s comprehensive approach also includes services related to health, such as:
- Direct aid to buy food and hygiene products for children
- Glasses and hearing aids
- Psychological support
- Speech therapy and psychomotor support

Some of our interventions help to:

- Develop skills, both of children and their families, so they can achieve a higher level of well-being.
- Increase the involvement of families in their children’s development at school.
- Maintain and improve their school performance, guiding them in their academic responsibilities.
- Minimise the school drop-out rate.
- Project a future with training beyond mandatory schooling.

Since 2007

345,247 children attended

2021 data

61,244 children attended
The programme is implemented together with more than 400 social organisations operating in 129 towns and cities in Spain and Portugal, which are responsible for directly attending to the families by establishing a work plan for each one of them and following this up.
ProFuturo

Bringing high quality digital education to the world’s most vulnerable schools

The ProFuturo programme, which we implement together with the Telefónica Foundation, seeks to reduce the education gap in the world by bringing high quality digital education to children living in vulnerable environments in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

Core areas of action:
- Teacher training in pedagogical and digital skills.
- Pedagogical guidance and continuous technical support for teachers and schools.
By means of technology and innovative digital experiences, ProFuturo enhances teachers’ pedagogical practices and technological take-up, as well as the development of 21st-century skills among pupils.

To ensure the programme’s maximum impact and sustainability, ProFuturo works with global institutions, governments, NGOs, faith-based organisations, universities and technology businesses and start-ups.

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<th>A learning platform with digital resources and innovative classroom experiences, as well as providing technological equipment when this is required. ProFuturo’s digital solution can be adapted to all environments, irrespective of their degree of connectivity.</th>
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<td>System to monitor and evaluate the results.</td>
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<td>Fostering a community that shares knowledge and good practices among teachers from all over the world so they can jointly respond to new challenges.</td>
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Since the programme started in 2016

- **24 M** children benefitting
- **More than 1.1 M** teachers trained
- **40** countries

*M = million
EduCaixa

**Promoting educational transformation together with teachers**

EduCaixa is “la Caixa” Foundation’s programme dedicated to improving the learning opportunities of children and young people of school age and thereby their opportunities for personal development in our 21st-century society.

Over the years, EduCaixa has been empowering, supporting and training teachers as agents of change, particularly focusing on management teams given the important role they play in improving the educational quality of schools.

These are the core aspects of our work:

1. We focus on developing pupils’ skills.
   - Especially through programmes such as EduCaixa Challenge: a great experience of shared learning and a programme which, in just three years, has gained a solid reputation among the educational community.
   - We also promote learning outside school through activities at our CaixaForum and CosmoCaixa centres and travelling facilities.

**Educational programmes**

- Emociona
- Comunica
- HelloMath!
- BeCritical
- Big Data
- Young Entrepreneurs
- STEAM x Change
- Variable Future
2. **We recognise teachers as agents of change.**
   - That’s why all our programmes for pupils are based on the training and constant support of teachers.
   - We also offer training and professional development programmes, run in partnership with the University of Cambridge and Harvard University (USA), University College London and the Education Endowment Foundation (UK) and British Columbia University (Canada).

3. **We promote a culture of evaluation and the use of pedagogical evidence.**
   - We train and support schools so they can produce pedagogical evidence by rigorously evaluating their educational projects.
   - We guide teachers in the use of evidence to help them make informed decisions.
   - We disseminate international educational evidence together with partners such as the Education Endowment Foundation, the Institute for Effective Education and the Johns Hopkins University.

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2021 data

**More than 115,000 teachers**

**More than 4,500 schools**

**More than 1.3 M pupils**

*M = million*
High quality training is crucial to offer opportunities to those people who can transform our society.

That’s why, through “la Caixa” Foundation’s Fellowship Programme, we promote talent and scientific and research careers at the best universities and research centres in the world.

Since the “la Caixa” Foundation’s Fellowship Programme began in 1982, the institution has awarded 5,486 fellowships to students and researchers from all disciplines.

The financial endowment of the fellowship, the rigour of the selection process and the support provided to the fellows by the programme are just some of the aspects that make this one of the best fellowship programmes among those run by a private organisation.

Over the years, the “la Caixa” Foundation fellows have also become a cluster of excellence and an academic and professional benchmark, both in Spain and abroad.
**Fellowships:**

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<td>Fellowships for postgraduate studies in</td>
<td>Aimed at young people from Spain and Portugal who wish to pursue postgraduate studies at the best universities and research centres in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific region.</td>
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<td>other countries</td>
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<td>Doctoral fellowships in Spain and Portugal</td>
<td>These have the dual objective of attracting and retaining the best research talent, of any nationality, who wish to carry out their doctorate at a university or research centre.</td>
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<td>Postdoctoral fellowships in Spain and</td>
<td>Aimed at recruiting excellent researchers, of any nationality, who wish to continue their investigative career.</td>
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Through this programme, we help families in the social and educational development of children aged up to 18.

**CHILDREN ATTENDED:**

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<td>345,247</td>
<td>61,244</td>
<td>84% of the children in the programme passed their Secondary School Certificate</td>
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Programme started in 2007
We use technology and innovative digital experiences to foster the development of 21st-century skills among teachers and pupils in vulnerable environments around the world.

**BENEFICIARIOS:**

- **In 2021:**
  - 40 countries

- **Since 2016:**
  - 24 M children
  - 1.1 M teachers

*Programme started in 2016*
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EduCaixa

We offer educational programmes, activities and resources with three clear objectives:

- **Promote the development of pupils’ skills**
  - In 2021
  - More than 1.3 M pupils
  - More than 4,500 schools

- **Foster the professional development of teachers**
  - In 2021
  - More than 115,000 teachers

- **Generate and transfer evidence based on the evaluation and dissemination of educational practices through alliances with international institutions**

Programme started in 2012

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Fellowships

We promote excellence in training and research talent at the best universities and research centres in the world.

**FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED**

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"la Caixa" Foundation

It’s only progress if we all progress