





FREE ZONE DESIGNED TO INNOVATE









COSTA RICA

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FOR LIFE SCIENCES AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING:

TOP HUMAN TALENT



Costa Rica's government has taken extensive measures in order to diversify its economy and grow new and non-traditional sectors, including the Medical Devices industry, Consumer Electronics, Finance, and Tourism. These policies, along with a hefty and consistent investment in public education since 1870, have made Costa Rican talent a central element for the success of more than 300 multinational companies.

Due to a solid educational system that is set from the earliest stages all the way through the college level, the country has one of the highest literacy rates in the Western Hemisphere, with more than 96%.







9.9% GDP HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT









7.6% GDP EDUCATION INVESTMENT













Costa Ricans are known for being hard-working, well-prepared, capable and ready to take on challenges requiring innovative solutions. Cooperative, entrepreneurial, and always living the internationally known phrase, Pura Vida, pure life. The country is not just one of the happiest countries on Earth according to several studies. A recent study by Gallup found Costa Rica also has some of the highest life expectancies, with 78.5 years on average.

LEADERS IN LATIN AMERICA IN HUMAN CAPITAL



Source: World Economic Forum, Global Competitiveness Report



Costa Rica's commitment to education and a strong collaborative environment between industries and universities, allow us to continuously transform and prepare for the fast-changing digital revolution. Our talent leads the way of building the skills for the future in Latin America and is ahead of Ireland, France, South Korea & India.



The country's investment in technical and higher education has evolved into substantial benefits. Universities and Technical Training Institutes **produce highly trained individuals, who are recruited by High-Tech multinational companies:**

- >> +67 UNIVERSITIES
- >> 54 DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES
- >> +320,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED



The capable workforce has proven able to acquire the required skills, as learning new languages. English is promoted at every level of the educational system, both at private and public institutions and the government has set a goal to become even more global in the next decade through the Costa Rica Multilingual program. But for now, the country is the leading command of English in Latin America.



Costa Rica is in the top two countries in Latin America for retaining talent, and number 15 in the globe, according to data by the World Economic Forum. Also, the country is the runner-up on the Global Innovation Index in the Latin America category, according to a study by Cornell University, INSEAD, and OMPY (2014).



ABOUT COYOL FREE ZONE



Coyol Free Zone is a leading industrial park located in Alajuela, Costa Rica. With 13 years since the commencement of this successful project, Coyol Free Zone does businesses in a sustainable way and a strategic location. It is the best option for the Life Sciences Cluster and Advanced Manufacturing companies Consistently awarded and recognized by multiple entities among the Top Free Zones in Latin America and The Caribbean, Coyol Free Zone offers much more than tax incentives and outstanding infrastructure. It also provides proven know-how in the construction of buildings for the Life Sciences Industry, and the services required to support the successful operation of a Life Sciences company from Costa Rica.



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