Timeline for Applying for a Spanish National Visa

120 Days Prior to Program Start Date
- Earliest date visa applications will be accepted

90 Days Prior to Program Start Date
- Earliest date visas can be issued

10-12 Weeks Prior to Program Start Date
- Ideal time to submit a visa application!

Eight Weeks Prior to Program Start Date*
- Last date recommended to submit a visa application*

Program Start Date
- Present visa upon entering Spain

Please note:
- Most consulates require appointments to submit a visa application, which must be booked in advance
- Some appointments must be booked as early as two months before the appointment date
- Some consulates have more stringent restrictions on the latest date on which students can apply for visas
- You will need to leave your original passport at the Consulate while your visa is being processed, which generally takes 4-6 weeks
- Some consulates require students to appear in-person to collect their visa and passport
- Some consulates will mail completed visas and passports back to students
- *If you must apply less than eight weeks prior to your program start date, please contact your Program Manager to discuss your plans and any special considerations you may need to think through