



# OAS – AMERICAN ENGLISH INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON 2017 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## **OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training**

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the American English Institute (AEI) of the University of Oregon (UO) through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the following professional development course below.

COURSE:	Advanced Certification in English Language Teaching (ACE)	
MODALITY:	Online, United States	
LANGUAGE:	English	
DURATION:	15 Weeks (50 hours per course)	
DEADLINES:	Scholarship Application: July 15, 2017	
START AND END DATE	November 6 – December 8, 2017  1. ACE Course #2 – ELT Practice  January 8 – February 9, 2018  2. ACE Course #3 – Specialization  February 19 – March 23, 2018  3. ACE Course #4 – Capstone Project	
BENEFITS:	100% of the course fee is covered and available to AEI alumni who have completed the ACE Course on the Foundations in ELT Methodology.	

## 1. ABOUT The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports OAS member states in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development at all educational levels. By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, the DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. The DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region.

#### 2. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The University of Oregon (UO) is a comprehensive public research university that was founded in 1876 and committed to exceptional teaching, discovery, and service. It is one of just two schools in the Pacific Northwest selected for membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities, a consortium of 62 leading public and private research institutions in the United States and Canada. UO is renowned for its research prowess and commitment to teaching. UO strives for excellence in teaching, research, artistic expression, and the generation, dissemination, preservation, and application of knowledge.

## 3. ABOUT THE AMERICAN ENGLISH INSTITUTE

Since 1978, The American English Institute (AEI) has been a leader in English language teaching, research, and service on the UO campus and around the world. The AEI, as a unit of the College of Arts and Science (CAS), serves the educational mission of the UO through scholarship, English language instruction, and English language professional training. The AEI champions the University's mission of internationalization and is a leader in helping achieve the University's goals for diversity and student success.

#### Benefits of participating in this course:

By obtaining this certification, you will be able to:

- Understand ELT theory;
- Apply theory to classroom practice;
- Make meaningful changes in your own teaching practices;
- Build relationships with a global cohort of language teaching professionals;
- Develop professionally and share your knowledge;
- Streamline the preparation process for UO's <u>Language Teaching Specialization</u> MA degree program; and
- Receive documentation of your 200-hour training from UO in the form of a certificate and Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

#### Student/Applicant's profile:

More information about the course is available through the link provided in the table on page 1.

#### **University of Oregon Contact Information:**

For more specific questions about the courses please contact elearn@uoregon.edu

#### 4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a **Scholarship Application** online through the OAS Fellowship Management System.

You will be required to upload the following documents where indicated in the scholarship online application form. Please note that all supporting documents must first be combined into ONE PDF document before it can be uploaded in the application form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded, hence the aforementioned request. Please be guided accordingly.

1 Recommendation Letter

> Proof of English Proficiency, if

> > applicable

Copy of
Undergraduate
Degree Transcript
(records of grades)

Copy of Undergraduate Degree Diploma Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Copy of a
Government Issued
ID (copy of passport
or national ID)

#### Please note the following:

- a) All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.
- b) Students whose native language is not <u>English</u> will be required to submit <u>one</u> of the following as proof of English proficiency:
  - An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
  - A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 525 or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 70; OR
  - Other standard English proficiency certificates

**Note:** The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.

c) One letter of recommendation: one letter from a university professor or one from a current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor's/Employer's position within the University/Institution, date and signature.

**Note:** The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

d) You are required to write <u>one essay</u>. The essay must be written in English.

Essay: Describe how participating in this course will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.

#### **OAS Contact Information:**

For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Jennifer Hoogdorp at ihoogdorp@oas.org.

## 5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COURSE	Advanced Certification in English Language <u>Teaching (ACE)</u>
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	100% of the course fee is covered and available to AEI alumni who have completed the ACE Course on the Foundations in ELT Methodology.
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	Scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of any other costs as needed to the university.
COMMENTS	The results of the selected candidates will be published on our website in August 2017.

## 6. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents

Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the United States of America.

Have not received other scholarship from the OAS or from the UO-AEI for the same level of studies and/or programs of study as advertised in this announcement

Not be an OAS staff or individual who maintains employment contracts with the OAS or a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS or immediate relatives of a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS

Only eligible candidates will be contacted regarding the scholarship offer.

## 7. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- b) Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- c) Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- d) Gender diversity.

## 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student

- a) The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UO Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- b) Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- c) Comply with all the academic guidelines requested by UO-AEI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at AEI.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) The scholarship can be declined by the Scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties.
- f) Commitment to return to work / or remain in their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship.

**APPLY NOW!** 

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships