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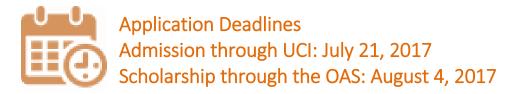
2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States

Application Deadlines
Admission through UCI: July 21, 2017
Scholarship through the OAS: August 4, 2017

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) of Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), and the University for International Cooperation (UCI), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its master's degree program.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAM:	**Project Management** For more information on the program please visit: http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas-uci-scholarship/
MODALITY:	Online
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	20 months
CALENDAR:	**University's Admission Deadline: July 21, 2017** **Scholarship Application Deadline: August 4, 2017** **Classes begin: September 26, 2017**
BENEFITS:	30%, 50% and 90% waiver of the tuition fees

▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (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, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. 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.

[University for International Cooperation](#) (UCI) - Twenty years of excellence make the University for International Cooperation (UCI) the perfect choice for project management training. The UCI is the first university in the region to be accredited by the Global Accreditation Center (GAC) from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI). Through UCI's training and guidance, more than 2000 graduates in 40 countries around the world are making better projects for a better future. The Global School of Project Management at the University for International Cooperation is committed to bringing world-class faculty, innovative online training, and real-world experience together to shape the professionals that will manage the projects that are shaping our future.

▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Applicants should begin the admission process to the degree program first before applying for this Scholarship opportunity.

Student/Applicant's profile

The program is intended for professionals from all disciplines and sectors, from all over the world, who already hold a bachelor's university degree, and who are seeking to develop core competencies and creative thinking skills to successfully implement projects, while leading multidisciplinary teams and delivering positive results in today's complex multicultural environment. Whether the participant is new to projects, or is already a certified PMP, this program is the perfect "next step" for those who want to incorporate the benefits and skills from an integral Project Management training in their professional profile.

Admission Process:

Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests[1]. For more information on the program please visit: (http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas-uci-scholarship/). To apply for admission, please fill out the admission form at (http://www.uci.ac.cr/admisiones-y-registro/informacion/). When filling out the form, in "PLEASE SELECT THE PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING FOR" section, make sure to choose the "MPM (English-Online-OAS UCI Scholarship)" option.

The following documents are necessary to obtain admission to the program:
a) Copy of university degree diploma.
b) Copy of passport with at least six-month validity.
c) Recent and clear digital front photograph taken on a white background (approx. size 3.5 x 4.5 cm).
d) Copy of certificate of completion of studies, including official transcripts with information regarding courses, dates of approval, credits, and grades; and/or any other proof of awarded credits.
e) If necessary, GSPM may ask a letter from the academic institution that issued your diploma, stating the equivalency of one credit. This equivalency must clearly indicate the total hours per credit, including both class hours and self-study hours. To download an example of this letter, click [here](#).
f) UCI admitted students will be required to present a hard copy of the university degree diploma, and a hard copy of the passport with at least six-month validity, authenticated by notary public and apostilled, and officially translated (if the originals are not in Spanish), no later than 60 days after the program start date.

University Contact Information: Applicants should contact the Global Admissions Office at info@uci.ac.cr for more information on the program. Please make sure to write in subject: "OAS-UCI Scholarship"

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1 Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of degree or diploma awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	30%, 50%, or 90% waiver of the tuition fees

✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	✓ Remaining tuition (ranges from $600 - $4,582 based on scholarship offer and installment plan selected); ✓ Applicable registration and enrollment fees - $500; ✓ Class materials - varies; ✓ Graduation fee - $300; ✓ Registration and active member renewal fees for the Project Management Institute (PMI) - $129. ✓ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-UCI Scholarship offer.

✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to the UCI.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

➢ Provide an unconditional admission letter from UCI;

➢ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and

➢ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the *Costa Rica.*

The following applicants are ineligible:

⊗ Current OAS scholarship recipients;

⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and

⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

✓ The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;

✓ Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;

✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and

✓ Gender diversity.

▼SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1〉 Gather supporting documents

To apply for an OAS – UCI scholarship, the candidate must fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach the following supporting documentation:

1. ID – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.

2. Admission letter – unconditional admission letter from the University.

3. Transcript or record of grades – copy of bachelor's degree transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.

4. Diploma – copy of bachelor's degree diploma.

5. 2 Recommendation Letters – one of the recommendation letters should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by 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.
   ✓ Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor.

6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays as part of the OAS-UCI online scholarship application form and must be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages.

Essay No. 1	Essay No. 2
Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.	Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.

7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.

8. Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
    - ✓ A copy of 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 550 or higher for the paper based test, 215 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 90;
    - ✓ IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent

9. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including **one, or a combination**, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
    - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
    - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
    - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
    - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid; and
    - a signed letter from a relative indicating financial support to you and corresponding bank letters or statements from the relative.

NOTES:
✓ All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.

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

✓ 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.

Step 2 ❯ Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the OAS-UCI online scholarship Application Form, and upload all the required documents listed above and both essays in <u>one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)</u>. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to summit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated above.

Click here for the Online Scholarship Application Form

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee UCI and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published at www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UCI Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.

✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.

✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UCI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UCI.

✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."

✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should not have unsatisfactory academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the Program and/or course failure.

✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and UCI may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.

✓ Commitment to return to work 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. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the UCI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-OAS-UCI Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.oas.org/scholarships /oasscholarships @OASscholarships