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## OAS – CIESI 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the International Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CIESI), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the following certificate programs below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Evaluation of Public Policies</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Communication for Development</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Methodology of Development Project Design with Logical Framework</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Fundraising – Financing Techniques for Social Projects</a></li> </ol>
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online, Peru
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	3 months
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Scholarship Application: October 15, 2016</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	November 14, 2016
<b>END DATE</b>	February 17, 2017
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	100% of the course fee is covered

### **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 CIESI**

That CIESI is an institution that offers a variety of professional development courses and has great interest in serving an international student body through the inclusion of foreign students of different nationalities in its education programs. CIESI's purpose is to grant opportunities for education and training in the framework of sustainable development. The aim is to contribute to the development of Member States, through the strengthening of human capital. For more information, visit [www.ciesi.org](http://www.ciesi.org)

### **3. Application for Admission Information**

Candidates must first apply the OAS/CIESI scholarship before applying for admission to one of the selected courses. More information will be shared regarding the process of registering for admission if you are selected for the scholarship opportunity.

#### **Student/Applicant's profile:**

Detailed information about the courses is available through the links provided in the table on page 1.

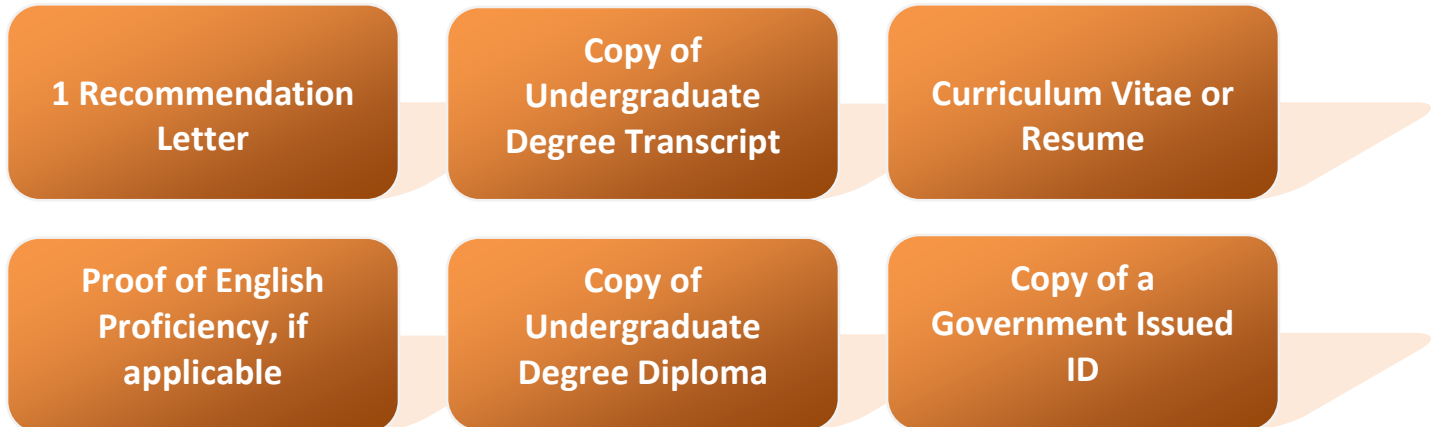
#### **CIESI Contact Information:**

For more specific questions about the certificates please contact Mr. Fares Abel Aguirre Rios at [fares.aguirre@gmail.com](mailto:fares.aguirre@gmail.com)

### **4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a [Scholarship Application](#) through the OAS Fellowship Management System.

**You will be required to upload the following documents where indicated in the 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.**



#### **Please note the following:**

- a) Students whose native language is not **English** will be required to submit **one** 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 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89; OR
  - Other standard English proficiency certificates

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

- b) 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.
- c) You are required to write and include **two essays** in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

<p><b>Essay 1</b></p> <p>Describe how acquiring this course will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.</p>	<p><b>Essay 2</b></p> <p>Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in obtain in the course to the development of your country or region.</p>
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**OAS Contact Information:**

For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Elisa Granadillo at [egranadillo@oas.org](mailto:egranadillo@oas.org).

**5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	100% of the course fee is covered
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	The scholarship awardees will also be responsible for books and study materials and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

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 any other costs as needed to the university.

**6. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:**

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

**Submit a complete scholarship application with all supporting documents**

**Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except the Peru.**

**Have not received other scholarship from the OAS or from the CIESI 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**

- a) 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/CIESI 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 and admission requirements requested by CIESI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at eCornell.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee 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 eCornell may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- f) Commitment to return to work / or remain in their country of origin 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 CIESI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**[APPLY NOW!](#)**

**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**