



Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development

PRESS RELEASE

2019 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS FOR OAS MEMBER STATES

The Department of Education, Innovation and Gender Relations informs of the call for applications for the 2019 Scholarship opportunities for citizens of OAS Member States in partnership with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO), and the Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI)- Israel.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

COURSES, START DATES AND LANGUAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Systems Management in English (6-19 November)• National Security and Diplomacy in English (5-16 December)• Crisis and Mass Disaster Management in English (5-16 December) <p>The information on the courses being offered in Spanish and French are accessible on the OAS website in the respective languages</p>
APPLICATION DEADLINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 30th, 2019
MODALITY AND LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onsite in Nahalal, Israel
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of tuition, including study materials;• A stipend of USD\$1,500 - 2500 to the top-ranked selected candidates to assist with the local expense fee in Israel

COURSE REGISTRATION AT GIMI

Candidates should first apply for scholarship consideration through the OAS. Eligible candidates will be asked to register for the selected course at GIMI after the scholarship offer is accepted. Applicants can contact the GIMI International Department at info@galilcol.ac.il or visit the GIMI's website at www.galilcol.ac.il for more information about the courses.

Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

To be awarded the scholarship, all OAS applicants will be asked to fill out the OAS online scholarship application, accessible in the link below and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation listed below:

1. **One (1) recommendation letter:** 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 with the University/Institution, date and signature.
 - a. *The recommendation letter should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment*
2. **Curriculum Vitae or resume**
3. **Response to essay question:** you are required to respond to the following essay question. The essay should be written in English and have a minimum of 800 characters (**not words**) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.
 - a. *Essay Question: Describe how participating in this course will enhance your professional skills, and directly impact institution, community and country*
4. **Copy of a government issued ID** (passport or national ID Card)

Online Scholarship Application:

<https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1072&Type=4&Lang=Eng>

Please note the following:

- ❖ All the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit 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.
- ❖ **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

<p>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Round trip airfare; ❖ Local expenses, which is estimated at \$900-1,900 for double occupancy (single occupancy is available for an additional fee of USD 2,100-3,100) and cover accommodation full board and refreshments, transport from and to the airport, as well as for study tours and Hold Land excursions: social coordinators on site, computer and Internet facilities, medical insurance, registration fee; visa and immigration charges (if applicable);and ❖ Any additional costs that is not included in the OAS-PAHO-GIMI Scholarship.
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ELIGIBILITY

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

- ❖ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents online.
- ❖ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS and PAHO member State.
 - Applicants from Argentina must fill out a required form through the following link;
<http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018?NOTA-SOLICTUD-DGCIN-2017.doc>
and send it to the National Liaison Office (ONE) Argentina.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ❖ Current OAS and PAHO/WHO staff scholarship/fellowship holders.
- ❖ GS/OAS and PAHO/WHO staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS and PAHO/WHO consultants
- ❖ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- ❖ The academic merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic background and professional experience or related areas of study;
- ❖ 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 SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Committee

The PAHO/WHO, GIMI and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria previously listed. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in **October 2019** on the OAS scholarship website, www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates

The OAS will contact selected candidates only by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. 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 acceptance Form, in which 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 or PAHO/WHO Fellow, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ❖ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by GIMI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at GIMI.
- ❖ Comply with the provisions indicated in the “Financial responsibilities of awardees.”
- ❖ The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program with financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS, PAHO/WHO and GIMI 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 and PAHO member states, or at an international organization, for at least six months. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and or the GIMI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org



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