



OAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

XXXV Course on International Law: "New Developments in International Law in the Americas"

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1. **Venue:** Convention Center of Everest Rio Hotel, Rua Prudente de Moraes 1117, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro
2. **Date:** August 4-29th, 2008
3. **Modality:** On-site
4. **Length:** Four (4) weeks.
5. **Languages:** English and Spanish
6. **Objectives:** Study, discussion of and update on topics related to Public and Private International Law.
7. **Program:** The program is designed by the Inter-American Juridical Committee and the Office of International Law of the Department of International Legal Affairs of the OAS. The main topic of this year's course will be "New Developments of International Law in the Americas". The course will consist of two morning sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and one session in the afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. A certificate of attendance will be issued to participants attending at least 90% of classes and pass two of three tests administered within the four weeks. Each participant may present a written paper on one of the specific topics addressed during the course program, within six months of its conclusion, previous presentation of a hypothesis and work sketch before the end of the course. If the final paper is considered satisfactory, the participant will receive a certificate of approval. Classes are given in Spanish or English.
8. **Requirements:**
 - Be a citizen or permanent resident of one of the OAS member states;
 - Have a degree in Law or International Relations. Candidates must submit a copy of their professional credentials and certification of courses taken, as well as their respective transcripts.
 - Have professional experience in international law and international relations;
 - Be no more than 40 years old;
 - Be nominated by a government agency, an institution of higher learning, or by a public or private institution directly related to international law and international relations, which must guarantee that the services of the fellow will be utilized upon his/her return;
 - Be proficient in Spanish and English;
 - Provide certificate of good health from a physician / Medical Doctor
 - Submit a duly completed request before the deadline established by the National Liaison Office (ONE)¹. The candidate is responsible for finding out the deadline set by the ONE in his/her country of residence.

9. Benefits:

- The OAS provides roundtrip air fare, economy class, from the fellow's place of residence to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.²
- Health insurance.
- Subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$650.00.

No subsistence allowance will be paid to selected fellows who reside in Rio de Janeiro's metropolitan area.

Selected fellows will receive information about the places in which other fellows have been hosted in the past, as well as the names of other selected fellows from the same nationality, in case they wish to share accommodation.

10. Responsibility of the Selected Candidates:

- It is estimated that the cost of living for each student in Rio de Janeiro will be approximately US\$2,500.00 (calculated November 30th, 2007). **Each student should plan to be responsible for US\$1,850.00.**
- Selected scholarship recipients are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa(s) to enter the country of study and the corresponding transit(s). The OAS will not be responsible for any costs relating to obtaining visas or transfer documentation.
- Each scholarship recipient is responsible for arriving in time for the commencement of activities on the date established by the institution offering the course or program.
- The selected candidates must confirm their acceptance to the OAS Department of Human Development in Washington, DC., through the OAS country office in their respective countries and through the ONE in order for the OAS to proceed with making the necessary travel arrangements to purchase the air travel tickets, economy class, round-trip, between their country of origin and the study location or, if the scholarship is refused, to appoint another candidate. They must also confirm their acceptance to the Office of International Law of the Department of International Legal Affairs through the coordinator of the Course, Mr. Luis Toro, at ltoro@oas.org
- If the scholarship recipient fails to travel on the scheduled dates, or change routes, after the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has purchased his/her travel ticket, he/she will be responsible for paying the difference in ticket costs in order to arrive at the course site in time. The scholarship recipient will furthermore have to **reimburse** the GS/OAS the total cost of the airfare for his/her travel from his/her country of residence to the site where the Professional Development Course will take place and back if, after the ticket has been purchased, he/she declines the scholarship without written authorization from the Department of Human Development. The latter includes any additional costs, if any, incurred by the GS/OAS, such as extra costs for accommodation during the scholarship recipient's travel to and from the country where the course will be held.
- If the scholarship recipient renounces, cancels or otherwise terminates the scholarship after the scholarship has begun, without showing sufficient cause to the GS/OAS, he/she will have to **reimburse** GS/OAS the amount of all scholarship expenses spent on his/her behalf.

¹ *The deadline for presentation of applications to the (ONE) differs from country to country and should therefore be confirmed with the relevant ONE in the applicant's country of origin or permanent residence.*

² *Funds for terminal and in-transit expenses are NOT provided*

11. Presentation of Scholarship Applications:

OAS scholarship applications must be submitted using OAS forms including all documentation required. Applications must be forwarded to the Organization of American States through the National Liaison Office established by the government of each country. **This is a mandatory requirement.**

The following is the list of National Liaison Office (ONEs) in the OAS Member states:
<http://www.educoas.org/portal/en/oasbecas/ones.aspx?culture=en&navid=282>

OAS Forms may be obtained from the OAS offices of the General Secretariat in the Member states or via the fellowship application page using the following link:
<http://www.educoas.org/portal/en/oasbecas/formspd.aspx?culture=en&navid=282>

Please note that the official announcement is available via the Educational Portal of the Americas Web page at: <http://www.educoea.org>.

Any questions regarding submission of applications for this course should be sent to:
Scholarships@oas.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS CORRESPONDING TO THE 2008 REGULAR BUDGET

Sincerely,

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