Did you know that the Organization of American States (OAS), through the Rowe Fund program, offers financial aid in the form of interest-free loans of up to $15,000 dollars to help citizens of Latin American and Caribbean countries fund a portion of their tuition and/or living expenses while studying in the United States?

If you are an F or J visa holder, and have been admitted or are currently enrolled in the last two years of undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate studies in an accredited U.S. university you may qualify for funding. Learn more at: www.oas.org/en/rowefund rowefund@oas.org

2018 marked the Rowe Fund’s 70th anniversary of proudly fulfilling Dr. Rowe’s vision to invest in students committed to completing their studies in the U.S. and applying the benefit of their training for the development of their countries.

Open Doors reports that there are 229 students from Saint Lucia enrolled in U.S. colleges or universities; of which 49.3% are registered in undergraduate programs, 30.6% in graduate programs, and the rest are either conducting non-degree studies or completing an optional practical training (OPT) allowed by U.S. laws.

During the academic year 2017-2018, the total number of international students in the U.S. reached 1,094,792; of which 7.3% of the world’s total, or 79,920, are citizen of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

México, Brazil, Venezuela, and Colombia combined represent 4.2% of the world’s total and are in the top 25 places of origin of international students.

The same countries represent 58.9% of all Latin American and Caribbean students enrolled in universities or colleges in the United States.

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