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# **OAS – Government of Chile Scholarship and Training Project for CARICOM Countries**

## **Scholarship Offer in Partnership with The University of Trinidad and Tobago**



### **COURSES:**

**Fundamentals of Disaster Preparedness and Management**  
**Managing Disasters and Preparedness**

## ▼ DESCRIPTIONS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSES

1. **Fundamentals of Disaster Preparedness and Management** - this course address the basics of disaster preparedness and management by first examining its major elements, relevance and major stakeholders and agencies. It focuses on the role of security and public safety officers' play prevention, monitoring and response initiatives.

Participants will be able to:

### *Cognitive Skills*

- Identify major elements of disaster preparedness and management
- Identify the methods and mechanisms for coordination and safety
- Apply rules and regulations to prevent and manage disaster
- Apply security skills to disaster management
- Perform necessary functions under emergency conditions

### *Practical Skills*

- Apply the principles of management to a disaster situation
- Fit into a disaster management team
- Demonstrate skills in sharing and integrating disaster information
- Demonstrate a spirit of optimism, calm and self-confidence in crisis situations

2. **Managing Disasters and Emergencies** - this course treats with disaster management (man-made and natural) and the management of emergencies with a focus on the Caribbean. It presents practical lessons on disaster preparedness, disaster response and rebuilding society as well as the work and responsibilities of major local, regional and international organizations involved in disaster management and emergencies. Specialized management tools, approaches and models for disasters and emergencies are examined.

Participants will be able to:

### *Cognitive Skills*

- Identify main challenges in disaster management and emergencies
- Identify the roles of disaster managers, agencies, authorities and the public in event of disasters
- Develop, implement and evaluate disaster plans
- Demonstrate the best response to various types of disasters and emergencies when faced with them
- Face and overcome challenges in disaster management and emergencies

### *Practical and Professional Skills*

- Know what to do, and who and where to contact in times of disasters and emergencies
- Demonstrate skills in developing and implementing disaster and emergency prevention and post-disaster plans
- Liaise with key international, regional and local institutions in disaster management and emergencies
- Perform efficiently in disaster management and emergencies
- Develop, implement and evaluate disaster management and emergencies plans
- Identify key stakeholders in disaster management and emergencies

## ▼ COURSE OBJECTIVE AND PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

### **Objectives: Fundamentals of Disaster Preparedness and Management**

- a) Identify common types of disasters
- b) Define disaster response, preparedness and management
- c) Identify the role and functions of major stakeholders in disaster management
- d) Identify the value and strategy of quick coordination and prioritization
- e) Identify basic review of relevant legislation
- f) Identify the role of the security officer in disaster prevention and management
- g) Examine actual disasters to assess gaps and response weaknesses

### **Objectives: Managing Disasters and Emergencies**

- a) Identify types of disasters – natural and man-made
- b) Determine the scope of disaster management and its main players
- c) Demonstrate management practices, approaches and models for disasters and emergencies
- d) Identify some of the emergencies that can take place
- e) Identify main emergency responders
- f) Identify main international, regional and local agencies involved in disaster management and emergencies

### ▼ **Target Group/Profile of Participants:**

The courses target individuals who are working professionals with backgrounds or working experience in emergency management and disaster response. These may include staff of local and regional disaster management agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs), public administrators, first responders, law enforcement personnel, policy makers, urban planners, public health workers, community development personnel and disaster relief coordinators, etc.

Prerequisite(s): Certification/training/engagement in disaster management or related disciplines.

## ▼ COURSE LOCATION, DATES & DETAILS

The Courses will be held from November 19 – December 14, 2018, through The University of Trinidad and Tobago online training platform.

### **University Contact Information:**

For more specific questions about the Courses please contact, Patti Mohan-Thompson at [patti.mohan@utt.edu.tt](mailto:patti.mohan@utt.edu.tt) or Tel: (868) 642-8888 Ext#46122.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>COURSE:</b>	<b>1. Fundamentals of Disaster Preparedness and Management 2. Managing Disasters and Emergencies</b>
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online, Trinidad and Tobago
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	1 month
<b>DEADLINE:</b>	November 2, 2018
<b>START AND END DATE:</b>	November 19 – December 14, 2018

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must complete an OAS online scholarship application form and attach the required supporting documents listed below:

1. One (1) recommendation letter from employer / institution in sponsoring country.
  - a. The letter must include the letterhead of the institution / employer, the position of the referee, date and signature. The recommendation letter should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.
2. Response to essay question - *Describe how participating in this course will enhance your professional skills, and directly impact institution, community and country.*
  - a. The essay should be no more than two pages; written in size 12 times new roman font and double-spaced.
3. Cover letter detailing relevant work experience in the area of study.
4. Curriculum vitae or resume.
5. Copy of a government issued ID (passport or national ID Card).

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

- All documents must be in English or officially translated to English.
- **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, the application system would not accept the file and does allow for more than one document to be uploaded.
- **Only complete applications will be considered**

[\*\*Click here to access for the online scholarship application Form\*\*](#)

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND EXPENSES NOT COVERED

<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 100% tuition cost</li><li>✓ Study materials</li></ul>
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⊗ Any additional costs that are not included in the OAS-UTT Scholarship.</li></ul>

⊗ *These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients.*

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of a [CARICOM](#) country that is an [OAS member State](#).

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship recipients;
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants;
- ⊗ UTT staff and their immediate relatives or UTT 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; and
- Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

- The OAS and UTT will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above
- 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

- This scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed a scholarship 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 the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients"
- Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent legal residence at the end of the Course. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or UTT could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject "OAS-Chile Scholarship Program."

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION



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