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American States



**OAS–USTTI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
UNDER THE
OAS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING - PPET**

Amateur Radio Administration for Regulators

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), Regional Training Center of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), are offering professional development scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to further their education through the following program:

Name of the Course: Amateur Radio Administration for Regulators

Study venue: American Radio Relay League (ARRL), 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111, United States of America

Offering Institutions: American Radio Relay League (ARRL) under the auspices of the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), Regional Training Center of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), e-mail: train@ustti.org

Dates of the Course: October 1st to 5th, 2012

Modality of the course: On site

Language of Instruction: English

About the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) & the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)

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 Culture (DHDEC), 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, DHDEC strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEC does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education while enhancing and highlighting the contribution of their diverse cultures to economic, social, and human development; 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.

Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is a high-level specialized advisory body of the Organization of American States (OAS) established by the General Assembly in 1994, leader in the region in all aspects involving telecommunications and information and communications technologies (ICTs) and serves as a permanent forum that brings together government and the private sector for coordinating the Member States' diverse political, economic, social and technical perspectives required to assist in meeting their specific needs. CITEL's discussions include relevant legal, regulatory and technology-related issues. It is CITEL's mission to facilitate and promote the integral and sustainable development of telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas based on the principles of universality, solidarity, transparency, equity, reciprocity, non-discrimination, technological neutrality, and resource optimization, taking account of the environment and sustainable human development to benefit society in every country of the region.

United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)

The United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) is a non-profit joint venture between leaders of the U.S. telecommunications, broadcast and IT industries and ranking officials from the U.S. government. The goal of this collaborative effort is to share the United States' communications, technical, and managerial advances on a global basis by providing a comprehensive array of tuition-free training courses for qualified women and men who are working to build and manage communications infrastructures throughout the developing world. Since 1982, the USTTI has graduated 8,314 professionals from 168 countries in courses on cutting-edge topics including spectrum management, regulation and privatization, telemedicine, wireless, satellite, broadcasting, and Internet technology.

I. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- 1. Objectives:** The Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union define the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services and provide allocations to these radio services. Around three million individuals, in virtually every country of the world, have earned licenses to operate stations in these services and are recognized internationally as a valuable voluntary telecommunications resource. Who are radio amateurs? What makes them want to devote their time to this activity? Why is amateur radio so strongly supported by the administrations of so many nations? How can a telecommunications administration bring the benefits of a healthy Amateur Service to its nation? ARRL staff instructors will answer these and many other questions as the course participants discover the ever-expanding universe of amateur radio communication.
- 2. Participant Learning Objectives:** To be able to help create, administer and foster an Amateur Radio Service among the citizens of one's country.

II. ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Scholarship Benefits:

For selected candidates, USTTI will provide:

- Stipend of USD\$400.00 to offset hotel and living expenses, as well as waiving the USD\$150.00 administrative fee.

- Health insurance with international coverage for the duration of the course which includes emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and emergency medical meetings.

2. Costs to be covered by the Scholarship Recipients:

- The participant will be responsible for providing their **own airfare** to and from the training location.
- Based on shared accommodations and an arrival date of Sunday, September 30th, 2012 and departure date of Saturday, October 6th, 2012 the additional amount needed for this course is USD\$ 286.00 as the total estimated hotel and living expenses amount to USD\$686.00 and there is a USTTI stipend of USD\$ 400. Please be advised that the USD \$ 686.00 correspond to:
 - Hotel estimate = USD \$266.00
 - Living expenses = USD \$420.00 (The living expenses are calculated based on US \$50.00 per day (including travel days) and an additional USD \$70.00 for ground transportation (to and from the airport).)

If single accommodations are requested, an additional amount of USD\$266.00 will be required.

Neither the Offering Institution nor GS/OAS shall provide funds to OAS Scholarship Recipients for the above mentioned expenses, which shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Scholarship Recipients

3. Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Be a citizen or permanent resident of an OAS Member State (Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brasil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba¹, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela) with the exception of the United States since is the host country.
- b. Participant profile: Policymakers, Engineers and Managers of all levels with at least three (3) years of experience and working on aspects related to disaster relief.
- c. English proficiency. To be considered for admission, scores must be submitted from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Exceptions may be made for applicants who hold a degree from a university located in a country in which English is the official language and also the language of instruction at the university. The minimum scores for admission consideration are:
 1. Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0
 2. TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based test.

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS:

Please note that you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship if you currently hold an OAS Scholarship for Academic Studies;

¹ On June 3, 2009, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Americas adopted [resolution AG/RES. 2438 \(XXXIX-O/09\)](#), which resolves that the 1962 Resolution that excluded the Government of Cuba from its participation in the inter-American system, ceases to have effect in the Organization of American States (OAS). The 2009 resolution states that the participation of the Republic of Cuba in the OAS will be the result of a process of dialogue initiated at the request of the Government of Cuba, and in accordance with the practices, purposes, and principles of the OAS

Also, Staff members of the General Secretariat, persons under performance contracts with the General Secretariat, staff members of the permanent missions to the OAS, and their relatives are not eligible for OAS academic scholarships.

- Citizens or permanent residents of the country of study, in this case USA, can not apply to this scholarship;
- If you were awarded an OAS Professional Development Scholarship in the past twelve (12) months or if you currently hold an OAS Scholarship for Academic Studies, you are NOT eligible to apply for another Professional Development Scholarship.

5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form:
http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/OAS_USTTI_Scholarship_Application_Form.doc
- Copy of the transcript of the latest degree obtained
- Updated resume
- One letter of recommendation of current or most recent employer
- Proof of English Proficiency, if not the native language
- Formal application through the USTTI. Applications may be filed through USTTI's website:
<http://ustti.org>

Applicants should complete and submit the Scholarship Application Form http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/OAS_USTTI_IMT_Scholarship_Application_Form.doc and the required documents (above) in **English and PDF format, no later than August 17th, 2012**, via e-mail to pdsp@oas.org, with copy to afarfan@oas.org and lzeayonker@oas.org with the subject matter: **"OAS-USTTI Scholarships Amateur Radio"**

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

Offering Institution Coordinator:

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Email: lquinn@ustti.org
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6. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background, and
- An extensive and equitable geographic distribution for the benefit of all member states that takes into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS:

- Fulfill all requirements of the program indicated in the section II.3 "Eligibility Requirements"
- Confirm their acceptance of the scholarship award by signing and returning to OAS DHDEC their completed form: "Acceptance of the Scholarship Award".

- Inform the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Culture at least 2 weeks before the program start date in the event he/she is unable to begin the program of study so that the scholarship may be offered to the next ranked candidate.
- Cover all the expenses mentioned in Section II.2 “Costs to be covered by the Scholarship Recipients”.
- Arriving on time for the commencement of activities on the date established by the institution offering the course or program.