OAS and the University for International Cooperation
2013 Scholarship Opportunities
under the
OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training

The Organization of American States (“OAS”) and the University for International Cooperation (“University”), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (“PAEC”), are offering scholarships\(^1\) to qualified candidates of the English-Speaking Caribbean to further their education in a Master’s degree in Project Management offered by the University.

About the Organization of American States and the University for International Cooperation

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.

The University for International Cooperation
Eighteen years of excellence makes the University for International Cooperation (UCI) the perfect choice for project management training. The UCI is the first university in the region to be awarded Global Accreditation Center (GAC) status from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI). Through UCI’s training and guidance, more than 1500 graduates in 20 countries around the world are making better projects for a better future. The Global School of Project Management at the University for International Cooperation is committed to bringing world-class faculty, innovative online training, and real-world experience together to shape the professionals that will manage the projects that are shaping our future.

\(^1\) ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED CONDITIONALLY BASED ON THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE OAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 This scholarship opportunity is for a master’s degree in project management offered by the University.

1.2 The student should pursue the graduate program for which he/she was selected and after a successful completion of all projects or exams, if required, and other academic requirements and formalities, he/she will receive a Masters degree issued by the University.

1.3 Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of degree or diploma awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.

1.4 Application for admission deadline and program admission process at University:

1.4.1 The application for admission deadline is February 22nd, 2013.

1.4.2 Information about the university’s application process of this Program is provided on the University’s website.

1.5 Language of Study:

1.5.1 The classes will be held in English

1.5.2 Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit proof of English proficiency as follows:

1.5.2.1 An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years or

1.5.2.2 A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 or higher for the paper based test, 215 for computer-based test or 90 for internet-based test; IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent.

1.6 Program Modality

1.6.1 The Program will be held online on the University’s online platform.

1.7 Dates

1.7.1 Approximate Starting Date for program:

- The program will begin on March 11, 2013.

1.7.2 Approximate Completion Date for program:

- The program has a duration of 15 – 18 months. Therefore, scholarship recipients are required to complete studies by September 2014 or according to the full time course duration standards of the University.

2. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

2.1 Each student will receive the following benefits:

2.1.1. The University will provide 100% of the cost of the program to each OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship recipients. The costs covered include the cost of tuition, registration and enrollment, textbooks, materials, and fees, the Project Management Institute (PMI) Membership, orientations, online campus and library fees.

3. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements for Applying

3.1.1 The application should be completed individually and must be submitted in English.

3.1.2 The student must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from the University for International Cooperation for the same level of studies and/or program as requested in the 2013 OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship application form.
3.2 General requirements for applying to Program:
3.2.1 An applicant must have earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing.

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
4.1 The application must include the following documents:
4.1.1 Completed OAS-University for International Cooperation Scholarship Application Form

Please note that you can apply for the OAS-University for International Cooperation Scholarship while awaiting admission to the University.
Proof of application for admission to the University could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by University which confirms that the application was successfully received

4.1.2 Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;
4.1.3 Two essays in English as indicated in the OAS-University for International Cooperation Scholarship Application Form

4.2 The application for the scholarship is free.
4.3 The deadline to apply to the 2013 PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship is February 25th, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. (official Washington, DC time). The deadline will not be extended and applications will not be accepted after the deadline.
4.4 The applicant is fully responsible for the information provided. If information is later found to be untrue, this would result in the exclusion of the application by the OAS and University.
4.5 Applying to the 2013 OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship requires full understanding and absolute acceptance of the terms and conditions defined in this Announcement, from which the scholarship applicant will not be able to plead ignorance.

5. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
5.1 Only students with citizenship and/or permanent legal residency in English-speaking Caribbean OAS member state can apply for the OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship;
5.2 OAS staff, individuals who maintain employment contracts with the OAS, the staff of Permanent Missions to the OAS and their immediate relatives are not eligible to receive scholarships from the PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation program;
5.3 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or University and the PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and University shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire academic process.

6. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS PROCESS
6.1 The evaluation process of the applications for the 2013 PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship consists of two eliminator phases. Any applicant may be dismissed at any phase if he/she does not fulfill the requirements of each phase.

First Phase:
- Verification of consistency in the documentation
This phase consists of an assessment of the submitted documentation according to the information provided in Section 4 of this Announcement (REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION). Candidates who submit an
incomplete application will be contacted and ask to provide missing document(s) by the Scholarship Application deadline. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered after the scholarship application deadline.

Second Phase:
- Final Selection

Applicants who have successfully passed the phase above and have been granted unconditional admission to the University will be evaluated and presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee for selection and ranking. The Committee will be appointed by the OAS and the University.

Respecting the ranking of the Scholarship Selection Committee, the OAS and the University will make the final decisions on the awarding of scholarships and student distribution into the program and university to which they have been admitted. In case of equally ranked applications, the scholarship offers will be prioritized based on the following:

1. The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
2. A geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into consideration the most important needs of country;
3. Applicants from countries with a low human development index (HDI), according to the ranking of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)\(^2\);
4. Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
5. Gender diversity.

7. RESULTS OF THE SELECTED APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2013 PAEC OAS/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

7.1. The OAS and the University will announce the results on their websites. The selected applicants will be contacted by the OAS and will be informed about the university and program for which the 2013 PAEC OAS- University for International Cooperation scholarship is being offered.

8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT

8.1 The final approval of the 2013 PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation selected awardee will be subject to the signing of the Scholarship Acceptance Form, in which the candidate is obliged to comply with the Program requirements.

8.2 The selected applicant should abstain from engaging in activities that are incompatible with the status of an OAS scholar, respecting the rules specified in the Form.

8.3 Full dedication to program activities and compliance with the legislation and regulations of the study program, the host university and Country\(^3\).

\(^2\) For more information on HDI per country, please see the 2011 Human Development report by UNDP. http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2011/

\(^3\) Students should consult the Internal Regulations and all other regulations of the program to which he/she has applied. Language requirements should also be taken into account. Once enrolled in the institution, the PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation student has the same rights, and therefore the same responsibilities as the rest of the students.
8.4 In addition to Section 2 (SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS), the awardee should cover all expenses related to his/her participation in the 2013 PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship such as application fee for admission to the University, request for transcripts etc. at the end of the program and any cost not indicated in Section 2 above.

8.5 The OAS and the University may withdraw the scholarship if the awardee does not fulfill the academic standards and the university’s regulations where the academic studies are being pursued under the auspices of the 2013 PAEC OAS- University for International Cooperation scholarships.

8.6 The scholarship may be declined by the awardee before starting the study program without financial penalties. However, if the selected candidate declines the scholarship after starting the program of studies, without a valid or sufficient justification as determined by the OAS and the University, the awardee will be obliged to reimburse to the OAS and University, all funding granted under the scholarship before declination.

8.7 Students must enroll in full time studies at the University and complete the program within the timeframe as stipulated by the OAS and University.

8.8 Students should have compelling reasons for withdrawing from the program or requesting leave from the University during the OAS- University for International Cooperation scholarship period. In such cases, the students should inform the OAS and submit proof in support of their request.

9. DATES

9.1 Deadline for receipt of the 2013 PAEC OAS-University for International Cooperation scholarship application is **February 25th, 2013.**

9.2 The official results will be announced after **March 1, 2013** (Section 7);

9.3 Declinations and substitutions of awardees: **March 7th, 2013.**

9.4 Classes will begin **March 11th, 2013**