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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Global, Social and Sustainable Enterprise MBA

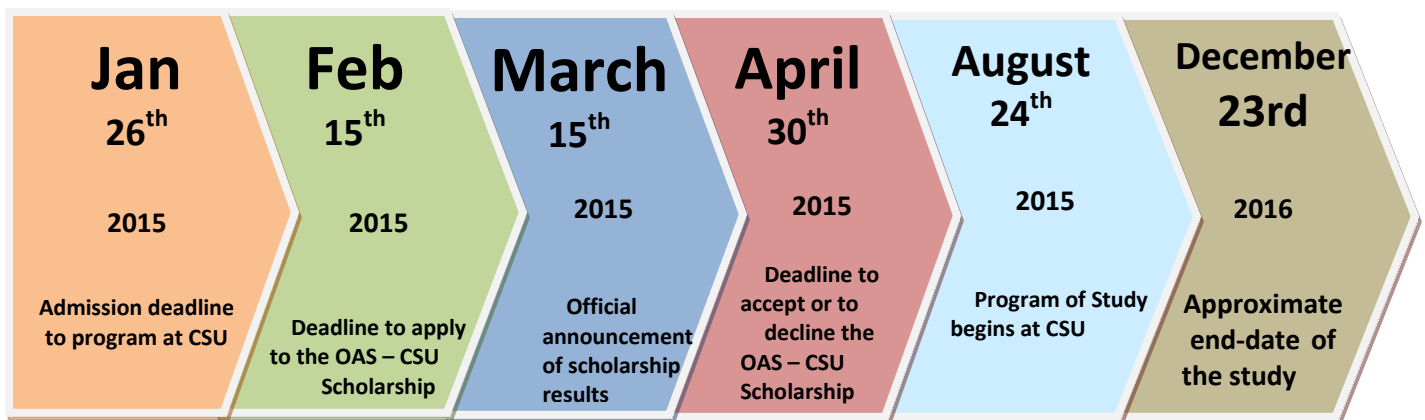
OAS – Colorado State University 2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the Colorado State University (CSU), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the master’s degree program below.

PROGRAMS:	<u>Global Social and Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA</u>
MODALITY:	Onsite in Colorado, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	18 months
DEADLINES:	Program admission: January 26th, 2015 Scholarship application: February 15th, 2015
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US \$50,000 of the tuition and fees. CSU will also waive the application fee for admission and the GRE or GMAT fee for candidates applying for admission to the program.

IMPORTANT DATES:



ABOUT CSU AND THE OAS

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 Employment (DHDEE), 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, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; 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.

Colorado State University

Founded in 1870 as the Colorado Agricultural College, Colorado State University is now among the nation's leading research universities. With more than 150 programs of study in eight colleges, Colorado State University offers a world-class education. It is located in beautiful Fort Collins, Colorado, an award-winning city located on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. In the College of Business, the Global Social and Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA was founded in 2007.

CSU and GSSE Achievements and Initiatives:

- The GSSE MBA was ranked 7th in student exposure and 5th among small programs in the Aspen Institute's Beyond Grey Pinstripes "Global 100" ranking of full-time social and environmental MBA programs.
- Net Impact's Business as Unusual report ranked the GSSE MBA as the 8th in "social impact" among over 100 MBA programs.
- MIT selected CSU to be their venture development partner for the \$15 million USAID grant to establish the International Development Innovation Network.
- Colorado State University received the nation-wide 2013 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization from NAFSA.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Student/Applicant's profile: 25-40 students are accepted into this cohort-based approach. Ideal candidates will have at least 2 years of work experience in a related field of international development, poverty alleviation, sustainability, or have demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 is required.

2. Study Location/Modality: Onsite in Fort Collins Colorado, United States

3. Study program start date: August 24th, 2015

4. Study program duration: 18 months

5. Approximate end date of the study program: December 23rd, 2016

6. Language of instruction: English

7. Admission process:

- 7.1 Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.

- 7.2 The student must possess a bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion of degree prior to the day the application is submitted.
- 7.3 CSU will also waive the application fee for admission and the GRE or GMAT fee for candidates applying for admission to the program. Students can apply for admission to the university while taking the GRE or GMAT test.
- 7.4 The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **January 26th, 2015.**

IMPORTANT: Please review all the information in your application before submission.

8. CSU contact information:

Applicants can contact Ms. Shelby Sack at shelby.sack@business.colostate.edu for more information about the university's admission process and program details.

II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

1. Benefits:

- 1.1 The scholarship will cover USD \$50,000 of the tuition and fees.

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the awardee. In order to receive these benefits, the awardee should not be reported with a low academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

- 2.1 The scholarship awardees will be responsible for the following expenses at the University:

- Remaining school fees of \$4,400;
- Immigration fees;
- Research expenses;
- Study materials;
- Living expenses;
- Round trip airfare.

- 2.2 These above expenses shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to CSU.

3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- 3.1 Letter of unconditional admission to one of the graduate program listed on page one of this announcement.
- 3.2 The student must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from the CSU for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2014 OAS/CSU application.
- 3.3 Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of any [OAS member state](#), except the United States of America.
- 3.4 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 OAS/CSU scholarships.
- 3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or CSU and the PAEC OAS/CSU scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and CSU shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period

4. Scholarship Application Process:

STEP 1 The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program. For more information on the application for admission process, please view the following link: <http://biz.colostate.edu/gsse/admissions/pages/default.aspx>

STEP 2 Gather the following documents which must be included with the completed OAS/CSU scholarship application form, and in the following order:

1. Letter of unconditional admission to CSU. If you don't have an admission letter but have applied for admission, please provide the following proof of application:
 - I. Proof of application for admission to CSU could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by CSU which confirms that the application was successfully received.
 - II. **IMPORTANT:** Although we encourage you to apply and submit the other required documents of the OAS Scholarship application before receiving your admission letter, you must submit a copy of the official admission letter by the scholarship application deadline to mduncan@oas.org with copy to nduncan@oas.org.
2. Copy of government issued identification document;
3. Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;
4. Copy of undergraduate academic records or transcripts of completed programs;
5. Two letters of recommendation: one letter from a university professor, and one from a current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor's/Employer's position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
6. Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following proof of English proficiency:
 - I. An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years; OR
 - II. A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89; OR
 - III. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent

The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.

7. Proof that you have sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees and other costs mentioned in 2.1 above, which is estimated at US\$22,822, by submitting one, or a combination, of the following documents:
 - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
 - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
 - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
 - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

NOTE: Applicants must ensure that all information provided as part of the OAS Scholarship Application is accurate, true and correct. While documents are sent electronically, applicants must be able to present physical and original copies of these documents.

All documents must be in English or officially translated into English

Take into account that you will be required to write two essays in the OAS online scholarship application form, which should be written in English. Each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

- ✓ **Essay 1:** Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or career.
- ✓ **Essay 2:** The OAS – PAEC Scholarship requires recipients to return to their country of citizenship or legal residence for 2 years upon completion of the studies. Please explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development in your country or region. Also, please indicate the reasons for applying to this scholarship, financial need and how you will cover the additional costs not included in this scholarship.

STEP 3

Complete and submit the [OAS/CSU Scholarship Application Form](#), along with the above indicated documents, as indicated in step 1 above, which should be attached in pdf format and in **one** document in the order specified in Step 1. Please note that the application system only allows applicants to upload the supporting documents only once. Hence, all documents must be combined into one file before uploading.

Note: We strongly recommend applying for the scholarship as soon you start the process of admission to Institution. Only applicants that are admitted by the University or Educational Institution will be considered for the scholarship.

STEP 4

Scholarship applicants must complete the scholarship application and submit online before **11:59 PM, EST (Washington, DC time), February 15th, 2015**

The evaluation process, selection, and announcement of results will take place. During this period, the candidate should await the announcement of the scholarship results, which will published at www.oas.org/scholarships in **March 2015**.

STEP 5

The scholarship acceptance process will take place. Only the selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail which will include the official scholarship offer and the instructions on its acceptance.

STEP 6

Awardee should prepare for the beginning of the study program: registering for classes, looking into immigration process to obtain visas/permits, finding accommodations, among others.

5. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- 5.1 The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- 5.2 Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- 5.3 Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- 5.4 Gender diversity.

6. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- 6.1 The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/CSU Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- 6.2 Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- 6.3 Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by CSU and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at CSU.
- 6.4 Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees", section II.2 "ON THE GRANT".
- 6.5 To retain the scholarship, awardees should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- 6.6 The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and CSU may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- 6.7 Commitment to return to work in their country of origin or legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the CSU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

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For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships