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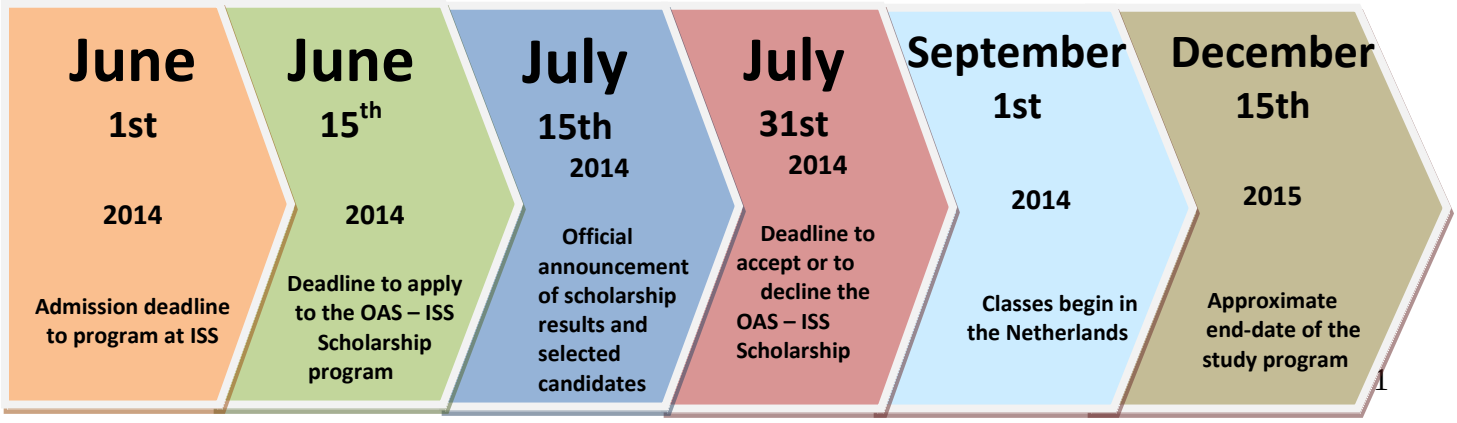
OAS – International Institute of Social Studies
2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in master's degree program below.

PROGRAMS:	Master of Arts in Development Studies with a major in the following areas: ▪ Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies ▪ Economics of Development ▪ Governance, Policy and Political Economy ▪ Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives ▪ Social Policy for Development Detailed information about the program is available through the following link: http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme
MODALITY:	Onsite in the Netherlands
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	16 months
DEADLINES:	Program admission: June 1st, 2014 Scholarship application: June 15th, 2014
BENEFITS:	30% of tuition fees

IMPORTANT DATES:



ABOUT ISS 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.

International Institute of Social Studies

The International Institute of Social Studies is a University Institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam. The Institute is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education, it conducts interdisciplinary research, teaches and is involved in advisory work in the field of development studies and international cooperation. The institute offers a PhD program, an MA in Development Studies with various specializations and post graduate diploma programs. It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment. The Institute is located in The Hague, known as 'The World's Legal Capital'.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Student/Applicant's profile: Detailed information about the program is available through the following link: http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme

2. Study Location/Modality: Onsite, the Netherlands

3. Study program start date: September 1st, 2014

4. Study program duration: 16 months

5. Approximate end date of the study program: December 11th 2015

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 The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **June 1st, 2014.**

7.4 For information about the Institute's application process for this Program, please visit the Institute's website. http://www.iss.nl/prospective_students/apply_to_iss/

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

8. ISS contact information:

Applicants can contact *the Admission Office at student.office@iss.nl* for more information about the university's admission process.

II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

1. Benefits:

1.1 The ISS shall cover 30% of the tuition fees.

2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

2.1 In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for payment of registration fee, immigration fees (including schengen visa), research expenses, study visit, books and study materials, health insurance premium including administration costs, living expenses, airfare and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

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 ISS.

3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

3.1 Letter of unconditional admission to one of the graduate programs listed on page one of this announcement.

3.2 The student must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from the ISS for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2014 OAS/ISS application.

3.3 Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of any OAS member state

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/ISS scholarships.

3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or ISS and the PAEC OAS/ISS scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and ISS 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 one of the degree programs covered by this scholarship program.

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

1. Letter of unconditional admission to ISS;
    I. Proof of application for admission to ISS could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by ISS 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 mdeleon@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 580 or higher for the paper based test, 237 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 92. 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 expenses as indicated in 2.1 above, which is estimated at US$40,000, 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.

STEP 3 Draft the following essays: (each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters and maximum of 2900 characters)

- ✓ **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 pursue to the development in your country or region.

STEP 4 Complete and send the OAS/ISS Scholarship Application Form, along with the above indicated documents, which should be attached in pdf format and in one document in the order specified in Step 2.

> 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 5 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 July 2014.

STEP 6 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 7 Awardee should prepare for the beginning of the study program: registering for classes, ordering course books, 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/ISS Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
6.2 Scholarship awardees shall pay the remaining tuition fees and any other fees to ISS at registration before the program start.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships