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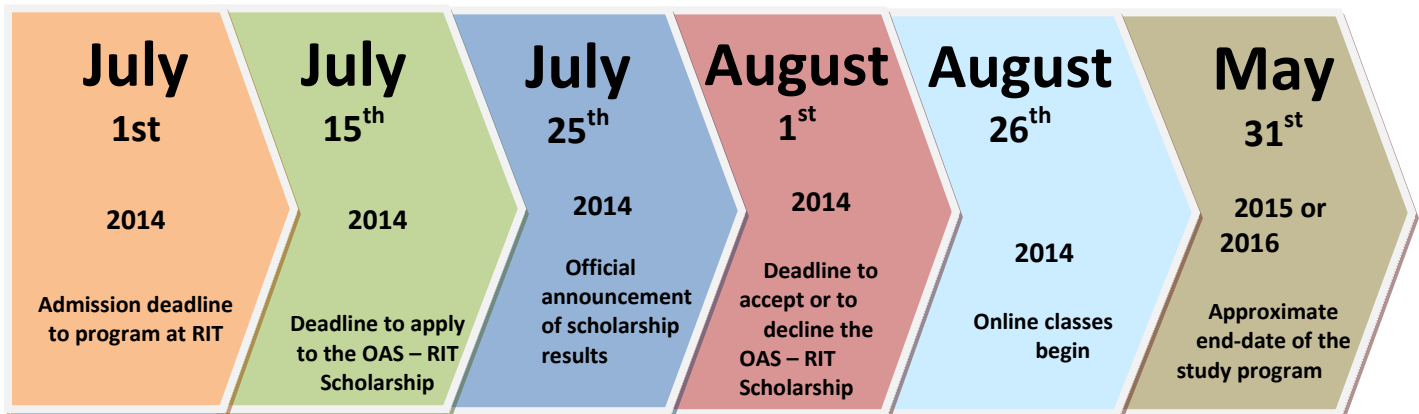
OAS – Rochester Institute of Technology
2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in masters degree programs below.

PROGRAMS:	**Human Resources Development** – 36 credits **Networking and Systems Administration** – 30 credits **Service Leadership and Innovation** – 36 credits **Environmental, Health and Safety Management** – 33 credits **Facility Management** – 33 credits **Health Systems Administration** – 39 credits **Professional Studies** – 33 credits **Applied Statistics** – 30 credits **Imaging Science** – 30 credits
MODALITY:	Online (United States)
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	1-2 years
DEADLINES:	**Program admission: July 1st, 2014** **Scholarship application: July 15th, 2014**
BENEFITS:	The OAS and RIT will cover 55 – 56% of the tuition fees.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 1st 2014	**July 15th** 2014	**July 25th** 2014	**August 1st** 2014	**August 26th** 2014	**May 31st** 2015 or 2016
Admission deadline to program at RIT	Deadline to apply to the OAS – RIT Scholarship	Official announcement of scholarship results	Deadline to accept or to decline the OAS – RIT Scholarship	Online classes begin	Approximate end-date of the study program

ABOUT RIT 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.

Rochester Institute of Technology
The University is a nationally respected leader in professional and career-oriented education. Talented, ambitious, and creative students of all cultures and backgrounds—and from 50 states and more than 100 countries—have chosen to attend RIT. Few universities provide the University's depth and breadth of career-oriented studies. The University's nine colleges offer more than 170 different bachelor's, master's and PhD degree programs in art and design, business, engineering, science and mathematics, criminal justice, photography, environmental studies, hospitality and service management, computer science, information technology, bioinformatics, and many other areas. As a major technical university, the University offers academic opportunities that extend far beyond science and technology, including more liberal arts courses and faculty than you will find at most liberal arts colleges. With a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, students will gain an understanding of both technological developments and the philosophy and ethical issues that go with them.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Student/Applicant's profile: Detailed information about the programs and profiles are available through the links indicated in the table on page 1 of this announcement.

2. Study Location/Modality: Online, United States

3. Study program start date: August 26th, 2014

4. Study program duration: 1 – 2 years

5. Approximate end date of the study program: May 2015 or 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 The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **July 1st, 2014.**

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

8. RIT contact information:
Applicants can contact Ms. Elisa Thompson at emtges@rit.edu for more information about the university's admission process.

II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

1. Benefits:
1.1 The OAS and RIT will cover 55-56% of the tuition 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 remaining tuition fees and books and study materials.
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 RIT.

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 RIT for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2014 OAS/RIT 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/RIT scholarships.
3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or RIT and the PAEC OAS/RIT scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and RIT 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/RIT scholarship application form, and in the following order:

1. Letter of unconditional admission to RIT;
    I. Proof of application for admission to RIT could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by RIT 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 nduncan@oas.org with copy to mdeleon@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 cost of books and study materials, which is estimated at US$22,000 -$29,000 depending on the program you choose, 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.**
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> **All documents must be in English.**

STEP 3 Take into account that the OAS online application form requires the following two essays, which are to be written in the English language. Each essay must contain 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 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 4   Complete and send the OAS/RIT 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. 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.

Scholarship applicants must complete the scholarship application and submit it online before July 15th, 2014

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/RIT 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 RIT at registration before the program start.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships