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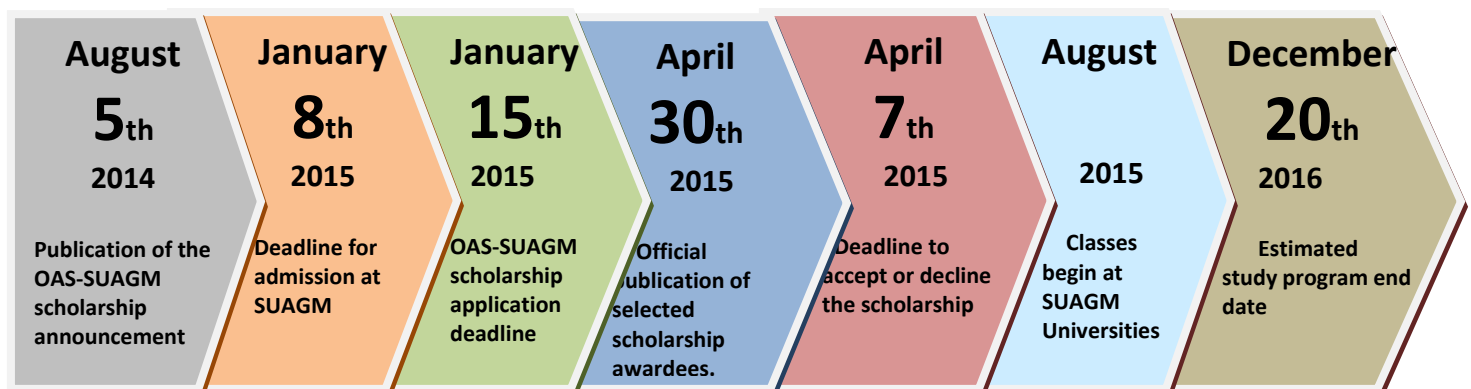
OAS – SUAGM 2015 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez (SUAGM), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering 19 scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the master's degree programs below.

Programs:	Master's in Education, Administration, Business, Accounting and Health.
Modality:	Onsite Programs in the following universities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Metropolitan University (UMET) ▪ East University(UNE) ▪ Turabo University(UT) ▪ Florida Campus. Virtual program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online AGM Campus (AGMV)
language:	-Spanish - Bilingual modality (Spanish and English) for AGM Florida Campus
Duration:	Up to 2 years
Dedlines:	Admission to the SUAGM Programs: January 8th, 2015 OAS-SUAGM scholarship application : January 15th, 2015
Benefits:	The SUAGM will cover 100% of the program tuition and all institutional fees. 19 scholarships will be offered for any of the academic programs.

IMPORTANT DATES:



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ABOUT SUAGM AND THE OAS

The [Ana G. Méndez University System \(SUAGM\)](#) is the fastest growing educational system in Puerto Rico accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which provides that all its degrees are valid in the United States. It has four main institutions, fifteen universities around Puerto Rico and four campuses in the United States.

THE SUAGM was founded in 1949 and this year marks 65 years of being a nonprofit institution of higher education whose mission is to promote development and cultural, social and economic wellbeing, by offering a great number of academic programs.

The SUAGM operates and develops its educational mission in a multi-institutional system comprising: Universidad del Este (UNE), Universidad del Turabo (UT), Universidad Metropolitana (UMET), the Ana G. Méndez Virtual University and the University Channel: System-TV.

[Universidad del Este](#) (UNE) has an offer that varies by University Center. Currently, UNE has a Technical Studies School (offering 12 different certificates); the International School of Hospitality and Culinary Arts (Certificate, Associate Degree, Baccalaureate); School of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business (Associates Degrees, Bachelors, Masters); School of Health Sciences (Associate and Bachelor Degrees), the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters); School of Education (Bachelors and Masters), the School of Science and Technology (Associate and Bachelor Degrees); School of Professional Studies (NOW) (Bachelors and Masters).

The [Universidad del Turabo](#) (UT) has an offer that varies by University Center. Currently, UT has the School of Technical Studies; School of Business and Entrepreneurship (Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters and PhD); School of Natural Science and Technology (Certificates, Associate Degrees, Bachelors); School of Health Sciences (Certificates, Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters and PhD); School of Environmental Sciences (Masters and PhD); Engineering School (Associate Degrees, Bachelors and Masters); International School of Design and Architecture (Associate Degrees, Bachelors and Masters); School of Social Sciences and Communications (Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters and PhD in Psychology) School of Education (Certificates, Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters and PhD), School of Professional Studies (NOW) (Bachelors and Masters).

[Universidad Metropolitana](#) (UMET) has an offer that varies by University Center. Currently, UMET has a School of Technical Studies; the School of Business Administration (Associate Degrees, Bachelors and Masters); School of Education (Associate Degrees, Bachelors, Masters and PhD); School of Health Sciences (Associate and Bachelor Degrees); School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Communication (Associate Degrees, Bachelors and Masters); School of Science and Technology (Associate and Bachelor Degrees); School of Environmental Issues (Masters); School of Professional Studies (NOW) (Bachelors and Masters).

Universidad del Turabo (UT) has the following accreditations*:

- ABET: Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology
- CADE: Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
- CCNE: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- AACSB: Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- TEAC: Teacher Education Accreditation Council
- CAA-ASHA: American Speech Language and Hearing Association
- IACET: International Association for Continuing Education and Training
- MSCHE: Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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Universidad Metropolitana (UMET) has the following accreditations:

- NLNAC: National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission
- ACBSP: Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
- IACET: International Association for Continuing Education and Training
- NSF: Reconocida como Institución Modelo de Excelencia
- MSCHE: Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Universidad del Este (UNE) has the following accreditations:

- ACBSP: Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
- ACPHA: Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
- IACET: International Association for Continuing Education and Training
- MSCHE: Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- ACFEF: American Culinary Federation Education Foundation

* All this accreditations are valid in the United States. Every scholar is subject to the US immigration laws. TOEFL is not required for admission.

The [OAS](#), through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), 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.

I. ABOUT THE STUDY PROGRAM

1. Student/Applicant's profile: Detailed information about the profile for every study program can be found in the following [link](#).

2. Study Location/Modality:

Programs table				
# of scholarships	Campus	Program name	Modality (On-site/Virtual)	Language
5	Metropolitan University (UMET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Management of Recreative and Sport Services ▪ Nursery Sciences ▪ Enveronmental Management Sciences ▪ Business Management ▪ Criminal Justice 	On-site	Spanish

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5	East University (UNE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human Resources Management ▪ Accounting ▪ Information Technology and Development of Virtual Enterprises ▪ Information Security Management 	On-site	Spanish
5	Turabo University (UT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mechanical Engineering ▪ Environmental Sciences ▪ Teaching English as a second Language ▪ International Business ▪ Psychological Counseling 	On-site	Spanish
3	Virtual AGM Campus (AGMV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Management ▪ Teaching English as a second Language ▪ Environmental Management Sciences 	Online	Spanish
1	Florida Campus (AGMUS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Management 	On-site	Spanish and /or English

3. Study programs start date: August, 2015

4. Study programs duration: up to 2 years

5. Approximate end date of the study program: December 20th, 2016

6. Language of instruction: Spanish (Onsite and Online modality) and Bilingual (AGM Florida Campus).

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. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.suagm.edu/becasinternacionales/>.

7.2 The deadline to apply for admission to the programs is: **January 8th, 2015.**

NOTE: Please review all the information in your application before submitting it.

8. SUAGM contact information: To receive orientation about the application process please contact with:

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For any specific doubts and questions about the study programs or universities, please send an email to the following email address or visit the following websites:

Email: aisuagm@suagm.edu

Web site SUAGM: www.suagm.edu

International scholarship SUAGM web page: www.suagm.edu/becasinternacionales

II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

1. Benefits:

The SUAGM will cover 100% of the tuition program and every related institutional fees.

Scholarship benefits will be subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient. To be able to keep the scholarship, he or she shall not be continuously reported as absent from class or fail any courses due to low academic performance.

2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

2.1 Scholars will be responsible to cover 100% of any additional costs not included in the scholarship such as academic transcripts, degrees, graduation expenses, admission exams, and legalization of documents, books, study materials, trips, etc.

2.2 Participants will be responsible for covering their travel expenses to Puerto Rico or Florida, and any other expenses related to obtaining their US study visa, medical insurance, materials, living expenses and any other expense that is not included in this scholarship.

3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

3.1 Letter of unconditional admission from SUAGM to one of the participating study programs listed above.

3.2 Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of any [OAS Member State](#) with the exception of the United States of America¹.

3.3 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 an OAS/SUAGM scholarship.

¹The OAS-SUAGM scholarship program is not available for citizens or permanent residents of the United States because one of the purposes of the program is to promote internationalization and student mobilization across the Americas.

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4. Scholarship Application Process:

STEP 1 The candidate should begin the admission process to one of the participating degree programs covered by the scholarship. In order to begin the process, please fill the following form: [‘Request of information’](#).

STEP 2 Gather the following documents for the scholarship application in the order mentioned below:

1. Copy of government issued identification document (ID, Passport Drivers license)
2. Letter of unconditional admission to SUAGM to the academic program of your interest or a confirmation letter stating that that the application process began before January 15th, 2015 (this could be replaced with an application confirmation ID number or the confirmation email sent by SUAGM stating that the application was successfully received. Nevertheless, keep in mind that in order to be eligible for receiving the scholarship you must receive an unconditional admission letter to the academic program at SUAGM.
3. Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments.
4. Diploma of the Bachelor degree or a certificate of completion of study that certifies the compliance of every academic requirement, including final works or exams.
5. Copy of academic records of the last degree obtained (Bachelor, Masters, PhD).
6. A recommendation letter from a university professor or a recent employer, addressing the OAS and SUAGM evaluation committee. The letter should certify the academic or professional qualities and skills of the applicant and it should include all contact information of the recommender, position or title, date and signature.

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 if requested by the OAS or SUAGM.

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

- ✓ **Essay 1:** Describe how the study program will directly impact your professional career. Since the scholarship requires that the scholarship recipient returns or remains in her/his OAS home country or country of permanent residency for a period of time equivalent to the duration of the study program, please describe a 5-year plan in which you will implement the knowledge and experience obtained at SUAGM to contribute to the development of your country and region.
- ✓ **Essay 2:** Please mention the reasons why you are applying to the OAS-SUAGM scholarship, your financial needs and how you will cover the rest of the expenses not covered by this scholarship.

STEP 4 Complete and send the [OAS Scholarship Form \(click here to access it\)](#) and include the previously

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mentioned documents, which should be attached in a single PDF document that groups each one of the documents, in the order mentioned in step 2. The form should be sent to SUAGM (aisuagm@suagm.edu) in order to be included on the applicant folder.

NOTE: We strongly recommend applying for the scholarship as soon you start the process of admission to SUAGM. Only applicants that are admitted by the University will be considered for the Scholarship.

- STEP 5** The evaluation ,selection process, and the announcement of results will take place on April 30th, 2015. Before this date, candidates should patiently await the announcement of results, which will be published at www.oas.org/scholarships.
- STEP 6** Scholarship acceptance process. Only selected candidates will be contacted by the awarding institutions, via e-mail, with regards to their selection. The email will include the official scholarship offer and the instructions on its acceptance.
- STEP 7** Awardees prepare for their trip and/or the beginning of their study program. This includes registering for classes, ordering course books, flying and settling into Puerto Rico, among others.

5. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- ✓ Academic profile, merit and academic credentials.
- ✓ Potential impact of the applicant upon completion of the study program.
- ✓ Country geographical distribution of the candidates according to the UN Human Development Index, prioritizing countries with most needs.
- ✓ Geographical distribution, cultural diversity and gender.
- ✓ Availability of full-time dedication to the study program.
- ✓ Intention to return or remain in an OAS Member State, or of working in an International Organization.
- ✓ Relevant labor experience in the field of study.
- ✓ Availability of economic resources to pay the rest of the program expenses not covered by the scholarship.
- ✓ Participate in social projects.
- ✓ Economical necessities of the candidate as mentioned in the essay.

6. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- 6.1 Selected candidates must sign the completed “Acceptance of the Scholarship Award Form” and return it to the DHDEE by email to dcabrera@oas.org with a copy to lserrano@oas.org and edmendez@suagm.edu.
- 6.2 Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred in the form.
- 6.3 Fulfill all the academic guidelines and admission requirements by SUAGM, subject to any updates made by the academic authorities of participating universities.
- 6.4 Fulfill the provisions previously mentioned in Section II.2 “Financial Responsibilities of Awardees”.
- 6.5 The scholar should pass all courses in due time, and obtain a grade point average of 3.30/4 in every academic period in order to maintain the scholarship. If the student fails to comply with this

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commitment, SUAGM and the OAS reserve their right to demand repayment of the monetary portion invested in the scholarship so far.


- 6.6 The scholar should obtain a valid study visa in order to travel to the Puerto Rico/United States, and cover all the expenses related to it, (students may contact the International Cooperation office, led by Dr. David Méndez edmendez@suagm.edu, in order to obtain institutional support for this step).
- 6.7 The Scholarship can be declined by the awardee one week prior to the first day of class without incurring in any financial penalty. Nevertheless if the scholar decided to drop out from her/his studies or alter the starting date of the program without a valid justification, the OAS and SUAGM may ask for the reimbursement of the funds spent so far on the scholarship.
- 6.8 The students who benefits from these grants must agree to return to work in one of the OAS Member States or at an International Organization for a minimum time period equal to the duration of the scholarship. The beneficiary must return to OAS-SUAGM the total value of the endowment granted if he/she fails to comply with this commitment.

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