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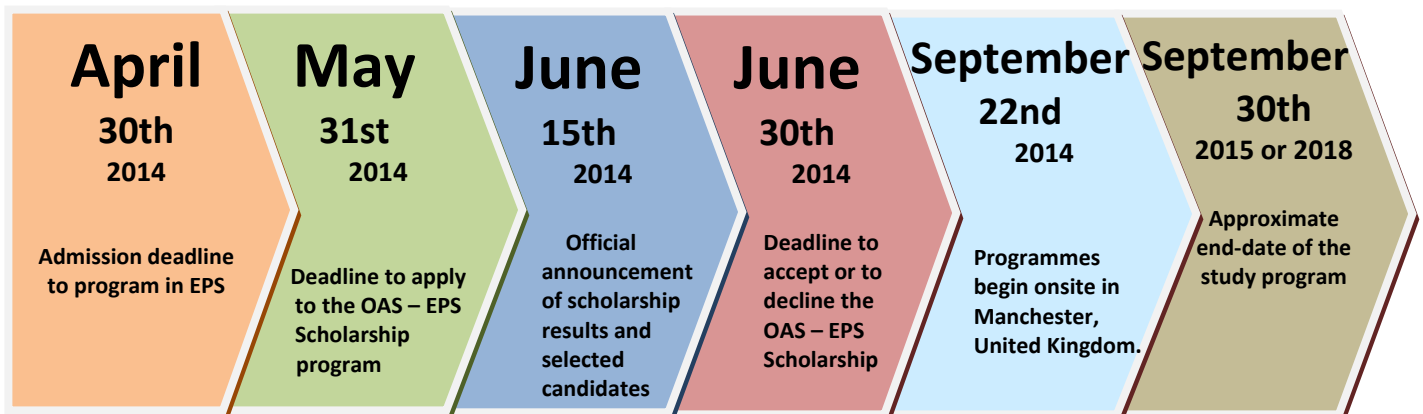
OAS – The University of Manchester’s Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences 2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 University of Manchester’s Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the Masters by Research, MPhil or PhD programs within the EPS.

PROGRAMS:	Masters by Research, MPhil or PhD programs Detailed information about the programs are available here .
MODALITY:	Onsite in Manchester, United Kingdom.
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	Masters or MPhil – 1 year PhD – 4 years
DEADLINES:	Program admission: April 30th, 2014 Scholarship application: May 31st, 2014
BENEFITS:	EPS shall cover 25% (twenty five percent) of the lowest rate of the tuition cost for each EPS/OAS scholarship Recipient. For PhD programs, the amount of the tuition fee charged in the first year before the discount will be the same amount to be charged each year throughout the doctorate studies.

IMPORTANT DATES:



ABOUT EPS 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.

The University of Manchester's Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

The University of Manchester has long been a center for ground-breaking research and scholarship. Their many Nobel prizes in the sciences and economics have been complemented by significant achievements in the arts, medicine, engineering, computing and radio astronomy. The University continues to advance as a global center of education and innovation, but is also committed to local and regional engagement. The nine Schools that make up the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences all have a strong reputation for teaching and learning, and for producing employable graduates. The programs are designed to provide flexibility of choice and are continually revised to reflect new development in each subject area allowing students to work at the cutting edge of science.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Student/Applicant's profile: Applications are welcome. After reviewing applications the University will decide whether or not to offer a place. For more information on the EPS programs and admission requirements please click [here](#).

2. Study Location/Modality: Manchester, United Kingdom

3. Study program start date: September 22nd, 2014

4. Study program duration: Masters and MPhil – 1 year, and PhD – 4 years

5. Approximate end date of the study program: September 2015 - 2018

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 Detailed information about the programs are available [here](#).

7.3 To obtain admission, students must possess a bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion and have received it prior to the day the application is submitted and have work experience in a related field.

7.4 After successfully completing a Masters by Research or MPhil program, OAS-EPS Scholarship Recipients will then be offered the opportunity to study a PhD within EPS.

7.5 The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **April 30th, 2014.**

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

8. EPS contact information:

Applicants can contact Ms. Alison McMurray at eps-oas@manchester.ac.uk for more information on the EPS programs.

II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

1. Benefits:

- 1.1 EPS shall cover **25% (twenty five percent)** of the **lowest rate of the tuition cost** for each EPS/OAS scholarship Recipient. For PhD programs, the amount of the tuition fee charged in the first year before the discount will be the same amount to be charged each year throughout the doctorate studies.

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 to progress.

2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

- 2.1 The scholarship awardees will be responsible for:
 - 2.1.1 The remaining tuition fees; registration fees; immigration fees; research expenses; study visit; settling-in fees; study materials; health insurance premium including administrative costs; living expenses; round trip airfare; visa charges, etc.
 - 2.1.2 The applicants will need to show they have funds in their bank account to cover their tuition fees and living expenses for 28 days when they apply for their visa.
- 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 cost and any other costs as needed to EPS.
- 2.3 The scholarship awardees will be responsible for all costs not mentioned above.

3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- 3.1 Letter of unconditional admission to a graduate program of EPS.
- 3.2 The student must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from the EPS for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2014 OAS/EPS 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/EPS scholarships.
- 3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or EPS and the PAEC OAS/EPS scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and EPS 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 a degree program of EPS.

STEP 2

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

1. Letter of unconditional admission to EPS. Only students that have been admitted may apply for the OAS/EPS scholarship;
2. Copy of government issued identification document;
3. Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;
4. Copy of 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 paper-based test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 570 (with at least 5.0 in the Test of Written English (TWE)); OR
 - III. An internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89 (with at least 17 in Listening and Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking); OR
 - IV. IELTS - an overall score of at least 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each component)

The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date. Please note that Institutional TOEFL is not accepted.

7. Proof that you have sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees, which is estimated at US\$19,000 and Living expenses for 9 months, which is estimated at £7,200 (approximately US\$11,000) for students in the U.K., 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 postgraduate 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/EPS 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: 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 be published at www.oas.org/scholarships after June 15th, 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: preparation of travel, visa application, 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/EPS 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 EPS at registration before the program start.
- 6.3 Applicants should take at least 4 weeks into account for their visa to be processed.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships