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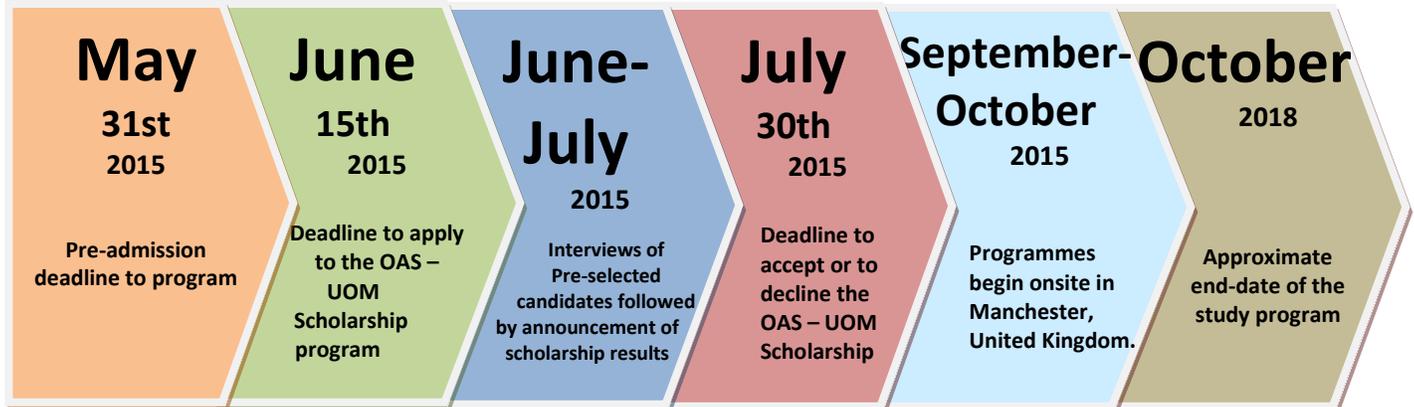
## OAS – The University of Manchester 2015 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development and Education (DHDE) and the University of Manchester, through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates from the Americas to participate in the PhD programs of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of Manchester.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	PhD programs Information about the program is available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Onsite in Manchester, United Kingdom.
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	PhD – 3 years
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	Pre-admission: <b>May 31st, 2015</b> Scholarship application: <b>June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	Full tuition fee, subsistence allowance of £800 per month, a one-time installation fee of USD 1,200 to help defray cost of airfare to travel to the University, access to healthcare through the National Health Service.
<b>ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES:</b>	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago.

### IMPORTANT DATES:



# ABOUT The University of Manchester 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 and Education (DHDE), 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, DHDE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDE 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

The University of Manchester (UOM) 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 university has 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 program and admission requirements please click [here](#).

**2. Study Location/Modality:** Manchester, United Kingdom

**3. Study program start date:** September-October 2015

**4. Study program duration:** 3 years

**5. Approximate end date of the study program:** October 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 and research areas is available [here](#).

7.3 To obtain admission, students must possess a master's degree 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 The deadline to apply for pre-admission to the program is: **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

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

**8. The University of Manchester contact information:**

Applicants can contact [eps-oas@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:eps-oas@manchester.ac.uk) for more information.

## II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

### 1. Benefits:

- 1.1 Full tuition fees, subsistence allowance of £800 per month and a one-time installation fee of USD 1,200 to help defray cost of airfare to travel to the University.

*Scholarship benefits are subject to the satisfactory academic performance of the awardee.*

### 2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

- 2.1 The scholarship awardees will be responsible for:
  - 2.1.1 Registration fees, immigration fees, research expenses, study visit, settling-in fees, study materials, health care costs not covered by the National Health Service, airfare, visa charges, etc.
  - 2.1.2 The applicants will need to show they have funds in their bank account to cover their expenses for 28 days when they apply for their visa. Applicants planning to travel with a spouse or other eligible family members will be required to provide proof of sufficient funds to support those dependents.
  - 2.1.3 The above expenses shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for any other costs as required by The University of Manchester.
- 2.2 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.
- 3.2 The student must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from The University of Manchester for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2015 OAS/UOM application.
- 3.3 Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of the **OAS member states** listed on page one of this announcement.
- 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/UOM scholarships.
- 3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or UOM and the PAEC OAS/UOM scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and UOM shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period

#### 4. Scholarship Application Process:

<b>STEP 1</b>	The candidate should begin the pre-admission process to a degree program of The University of Manchester.
<b>STEP 2</b>	<p>Gather the following documents which must be included with the completed OAS/EPs scholarship application form, and in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter of pre-acceptance to the University of Manchester. Only students that have been pre-admitted may apply for the OAS/UOM scholarship;</li> <li>2. Copy of government issued identification document;</li> <li>3. Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;</li> <li>4. Copy of academic records or transcripts of completed programs (GPA must be equivalent to at least 3.0/4.0);</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6. Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following proof of English proficiency:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years; OR</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>IV. IELTS: an overall score of at least 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each component)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><i>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.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p><b>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.</b></p> </div>
	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Essay 1:</b> Describe how acquiring this postgraduate degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or career.</li> <li>✓ <b>Essay 2:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

<b>STEP 3</b>	<p>Complete and send the <a href="#">OAS/UOM Scholarship Application Form</a>, along with the above indicated documents, which should be attached in pdf format and in one document in the order specified in Step 2.</p> <p>Note: Only applicants that are admitted by the University or Educational Institution will be considered for the scholarship.</p>
<b>STEP 4</b>	<p>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 <a href="http://www.oas.org/scholarships">www.oas.org/scholarships</a> after July 2015.</p>
<b>STEP 5</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>STEP 6</b>	<p>Awardee should prepare for the beginning of the study program: preparation of travel, visa application, among others.</p>

## 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 Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in the Acceptance Form.
- 6.2 Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by The University of Manchester and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at the University.
- 6.3 Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees", section II.2 "ON THE GRANT".
- 6.4 To retain the scholarship, awardees must pass a yearly exam administered by the University. If unsuccessful in the exam, scholarship awardees may be awarded a master's degree upon meeting University requirements.
- 6.5 The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if the scholarship offer is declined after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and the University may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- 6.6 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 in an OAS member state, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the University could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

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**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**