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**SYRACUSE LAW**

## OAS – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW 2015 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### 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 Syracuse University College of Law are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its Master of Laws program.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<a href="#">Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Law Program for Foreign Law Graduates</a>
<b>MODALITY</b>	Onsite in Syracuse, New York, United States
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>DURATION</b>	1 year
<b>DEADLINES</b>	<p><b>Fall 2015:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015</li> <li>Scholarship Deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring 2016:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015</li> <li>Scholarship deadline: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015</li> </ul>
<b>BENEFITS</b>	50% reduction of tuition fee

### **About 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.

### **About Syracuse University College of Law**

Syracuse University College of Law is embedded within Syracuse University, one of the world’s leading research institutions. Our law students enjoy the benefits of a close-knit community of students, international visiting scholars, and faculty; small class sizes; and individual attention. At the same time, students have access to all the resources and support of a large University, including major library

collections, guest lectures and symposia, a full range of international student services, and Division 1 sports teams. It provides the quintessential “American” higher education experience.

The College of Law is accredited by both the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, the Technology Commercialization Law Program, and the Disability Law & Policy Programs provide enhanced legal training in security studies, humanitarian/human rights law, intellectual property law, business/corporate law, and comparative disability law. The College also provides numerous professional development opportunities to prepare students for legal practice such as networking events, interview workshops, alumni speakers, and visiting judges.



## **1. About the Master of Law Program**

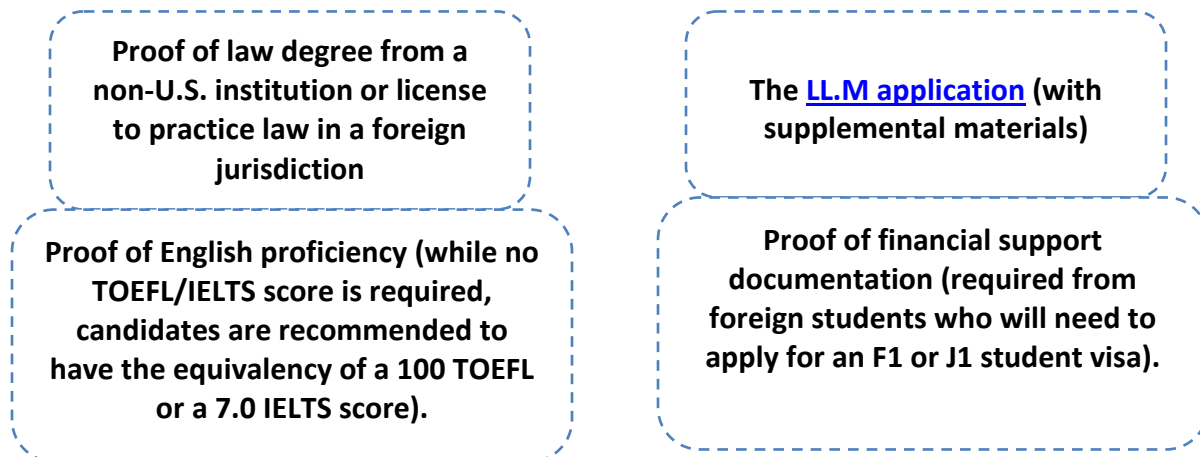
The LL.M. is a 24-credit program that can be completed over two semesters. Students will learn the foundations of the American legal system and U.S. Legal writing in courses designed for the program. LL.M. students then enroll in elective courses which are taken with students in our J.D. program; enriching the LL.M. experience. Students may specialize their studies in a variety of subject areas, such as corporate and business law, international human rights law, comparative disability law, intellectual property law, and more. The program is compliant with the requirements of the New York and California Bar Examiners.

## **2. Student Profile**

Students in the LL.M. program represent the legal education systems of Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Turkey, China, India, South Korea, Sudan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Togo, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Kenya, Jordan, and the United States. They range in experience from recent law undergraduates to seasoned legal professionals and academics. The LL.M. program is a host institution to the Organization of American States’ Partnership for Education & Training; the Open Society Foundation’s Disability Rights Scholarship Program and Civil Society Leadership Award; the Kurdistan Regional Government’s Human Capacity Development Program; and various governmental departments of Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Turkey.

### 3. Admission information

For admission you are required to submit an application for admission and provide the following document for consideration to Syracuse University.



#### Conditional Admission Program

The College of Law offers conditional admission to students who may benefit from additional English-language instruction at Syracuse University’s English Language Institute (ELI) before starting the LL.M. program.

#### “Legal English” Summer Session

The intense “Legal English” summer session at ELI is a 6-week program that focuses on legal reading and writing; listening and speaking skills; and an introduction to the U.S. legal system, legal procedures, and legal terminology. Additional scholarships may be provided.

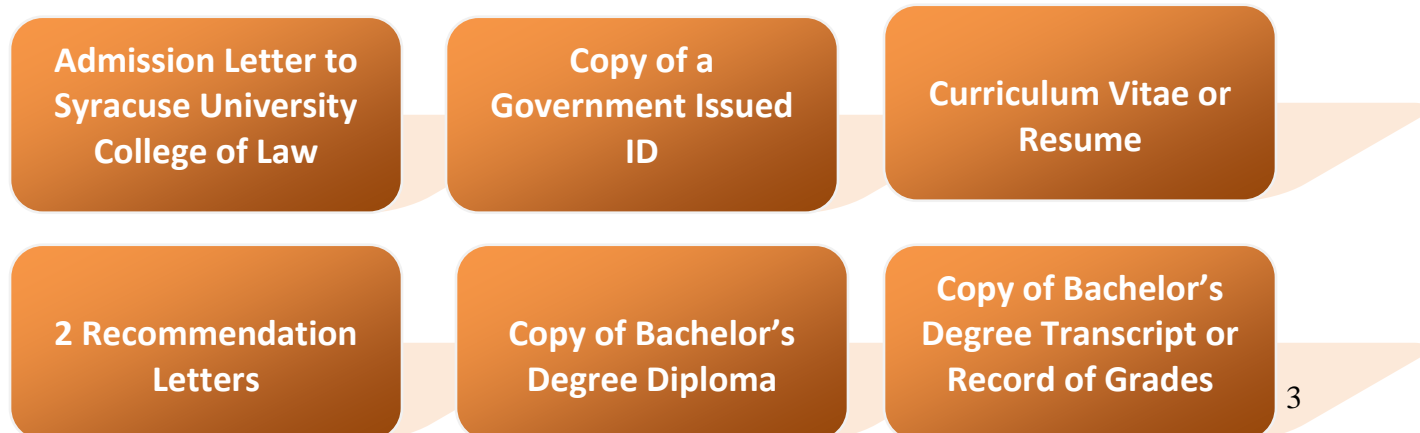
#### Application for Admission Deadlines

For the **Fall 2015** semester, the admission deadline is **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015** and for the **Spring 2016** semester the admission deadline is **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

For more information on the admission process please visit [www.law.syr.edu](http://www.law.syr.edu) or contact Andrew Horsfall at [ashorsfa@law.syr.edu](mailto:ashorsfa@law.syr.edu).

### 4. Scholarship Application Process:

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a [scholarship application](#) through the OAS Fellowship Management System. You will be required to upload the following documents within the application form:



Please note that you will be required to write two essays in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Each essay should have 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 future career.

### Essay 2

Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.

## Scholarship Application Deadlines

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For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Miguel Duncan at [mduncan@oas.org](mailto:mduncan@oas.org) with copy to Elisa Granadillo at [egranadillo@oas.org](mailto:egranadillo@oas.org)

## 5. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

**Provide an Admission Letter to Syracuse University College of Law**

**Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except the United States.**

**Have not received other scholarship from the OAS for the same level of studies and/or program of study as advertised in this announcement**

**Not be an OAS staff or individual who maintains employment contracts with the OAS or a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS or immediate relatives of a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS**

## 6. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- a. The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;

- b. Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- c. Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- d. Gender diversity

## **7. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:**

- a. The scholarship awardees will also be responsible for payment of the remaining cost of tuition fees, travel expenses (to and from country of study), mandatory university fees, cost of books and study materials, health insurance, cost of living expenses, graduation expenses, visa expenses (where applicable) and any costs not covered by the scholarship.
- b. 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 Syracuse University.
- c. Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient.
- d. Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by Syracuse University.
- e. 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, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship.

## **CHECKLIST**

**Before applying for this scholarship, please check that you have:**

- Read all sections of this scholarship announcement;**
- Applied for admission to Syracuse University;**
- Prepared the two essays to be included in the scholarship application form;**
- Combined all supporting documents into one PDF file to be uploaded within the scholarship application**

## **APPLY NOW!**

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