



## OAS - University for International Cooperation 2016 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 University for International Cooperation in Costa Rica (UCI) through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in UCI's Master's degree in Project Management.

PROGRAMS:	Master's degree in Project Management
MODALITY:	Online
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	20 months, approximately
DEADLINES:	<b>Program admission application: January 15, 2016</b> <b>Scholarship application: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>
START DATE	<b>March 28th, 2016</b>
END DATE	<b>November 2017</b>
BENEFITS:	50% or 90% of the tuition fees

### **1. 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.

### **2. ABOUT The University for International Cooperation**

Twenty years of excellence make the University for International Cooperation (UCI) the perfect choice for project management training. The UCI is the first university in the region to be accredited by the Global Accreditation Center (GAC) from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI). Through UCI's training and guidance, more than 2000 graduates in 40 countries around the world are making better projects for a better future. The Global School of Project Management at the University for International Cooperation is committed to bringing world-class faculty, innovative online training, and real-world experience together to shape the professionals that will manage the projects that are shaping our future.

### **3. Application for Admission Information**

The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program before applying for the Scholarship.

#### **Student/Applicant's profile**

The program is intended for professionals from all disciplines and sectors, from all over the world, who already hold a bachelor's university degree, and who are seeking to develop core competencies and creative thinking skills to successfully implement projects, while leading multidisciplinary teams and delivering positive results in today's complex multicultural environment. Whether the participant is new to projects, or is already a certified PMP, this program is the perfect "next step" for those who want to incorporate the benefits and skills from an integral Project Management training in their professional profile.

#### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests<sup>1</sup>. For more information on the program please visit: <http://www.uci.ac.cr/admision-costa-rica>

The following documents are necessary to obtain admission to the program:

- a) Copy of university degree diploma.
- b) Copy of passport with at least six-month validity.
- c) Recent and clear digital front photograph taken on a white background (approx. size 3.5 x 4.5 cm).
- d) Copy of certificate of completion of studies, including official transcripts with information regarding courses, dates of approval, credits, and grades; and/or any other proof of awarded credits.
- e) If necessary, GSPM may ask a letter from the academic institution that issued your diploma, stating the equivalency of one credit. This equivalency must clearly indicate the total hours per credit, including both class hours and self-study hours. To download an example of this letter, click [here](#).
- f) UCI admitted students will require to present a hard copy of the university degree diploma, and a hard copy of the passport with at least six-month validity, certified/authenticated/apostilled, and officially translated (if the originals are not in Spanish), no later than 60 days after the program start date.

#### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact the Global Admissions Office at [info@ucigspm.com](mailto:info@ucigspm.com) for more information on the program.

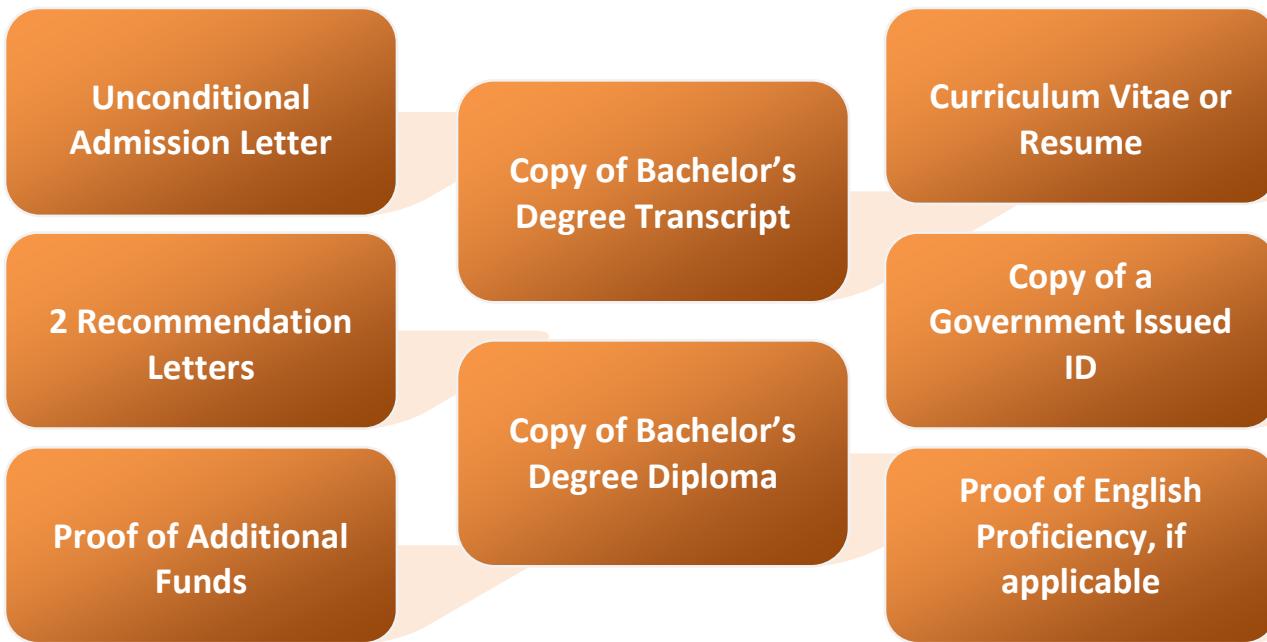
### **4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

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 where indicated in the application form:

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<sup>1</sup> Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of degree or diploma awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.



**Please note the following:**

- a) Students whose native language is not **English** will be required to submit **one** of the following as proof of English proficiency:
  - An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
  - A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 or higher for the paper based test, 215 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 90;
  - IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent
- b) Proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including **one, or a combination**, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
  - 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.
- c) One of the **letters of recommendation** should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by your 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.
- d) You are required to write and include **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.

## **OAS Contact Information:**

For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Elisa Granadillo at [egranadillo@oas.org](mailto:egranadillo@oas.org).

## **5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	Master of Project Management. For more information on the program please visit: : <a href="http://www.ucr.ac.cr/admision-costa-rica">http://www.ucr.ac.cr/admision-costa-rica</a>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	50% or 90% of the tuition fees
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	The scholarship awardees will be responsible for the remaining tuition, fees and study materials.
<b>COMMENTS</b>	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.

These above expenses listed as financial responsibility 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 the university.

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the awardee. In order to receive these benefits, the awardee should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

## **6. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:**

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

**Provide an unconditional admission Letter to UCI**

**Submit a complete scholarship application with all supporting documents**

**Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the Costa Rica.**

**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**

## **7. 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.

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

- a) The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UCI Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- b) Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- c) Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UCI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UCI.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) To retain the scholarship, awardees should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- f) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeur, the OAS and UCI may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- g) 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. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the UCI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**APPLY NOW!**

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