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## OAS – Rochester Institute of Technology 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### 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 Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in masters degree programs below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<a href="#">Human Resources Development</a> – 36 credits <a href="#">Networking and Systems Administration</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Service Leadership and Innovation</a> – 36 credits <a href="#">Environmental, Health and Safety Management</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Facility Management</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Health Systems Administration</a> – 39 credits <a href="#">Professional Studies</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Applied Statistics</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Imaging Science</a> – 30 credits
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online (United States)
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	1-2 years
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Program admission: June 1, 2016</b> <b>Scholarship application: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>END DATE</b>	May 2017, 2018
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	The OAS and RIT will cover 50% or 60% 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 Rochester Institute of Technology**

The University is a nationally respected leader in professional and career-oriented education. Talented, ambitious, and creative students of all cultures and backgrounds—and from 50 states and more than 100 countries—have chosen to attend RIT. Few universities provide the University's depth and breadth of career-oriented studies. The University's nine colleges offer more than 170 different bachelor's, master's and PhD degree programs in art and design, business, engineering, science and mathematics, criminal justice, photography, environmental studies, hospitality and service management, computer science, information technology, bioinformatics, and many other areas. As a major technical university, the University offers academic opportunities that extend far beyond science and technology, including more liberal arts courses and faculty than you will find at most liberal arts colleges. With a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, students will gain an understanding of both technological developments and the philosophy and ethical issues that go with them.

## **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:**

Detailed information about the programs and profiles are available through the links indicated in the table on page 1 of this announcement.

### **Admission Process:**

1. Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.
2. The student must possess a bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion of degree prior to the day the application is submitted.
3. The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **June 1, 2016**

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

### **University Contact Information:**

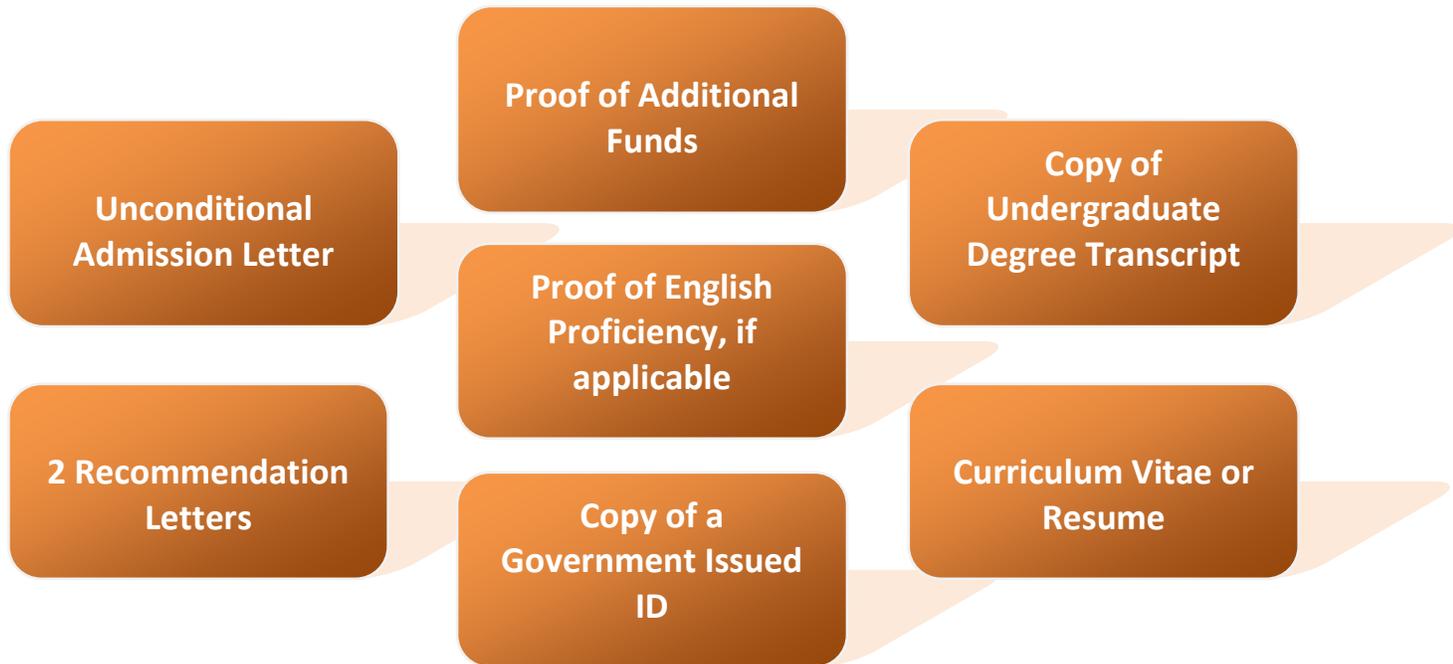
For more specific questions about the university's admission process, please contact Ms. Elisa Thompson at [emtges@rit.edu](mailto:emtges@rit.edu).

## **4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a **Scholarship application** through the OAS Fellowship Management System.

Note: We strongly recommend applying for the scholarship as soon you start the process of admission to Institution. Only applicants that are admitted by the University or Educational Institution will be considered for the scholarship.

You will be required to upload the following documents where indicated in the application form:



**Please note the following:**

- a) Unconditional admission:
- Proof of application for admission to RIT could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by RIT which confirms that the application was successfully received.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Although we encourage you to apply and submit the other required documents of the OAS Scholarship application before receiving your admission letter, you must submit a copy of the official admission letter by the scholarship application deadline to [egranadillo@oas.org](mailto:egranadillo@oas.org).
- b) 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 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89; OR
  - IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
- The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
- c) Proof that you have sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees and cost of books and study materials, which is estimated at USD \$22,000 -\$29,000 depending on the program you choose, 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.

- d) Two letters of recommendation:
- one letter from a university professor,
  - one from a current or most recent employer
  - Both letters must include: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor's/Employer's position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
- e) 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).

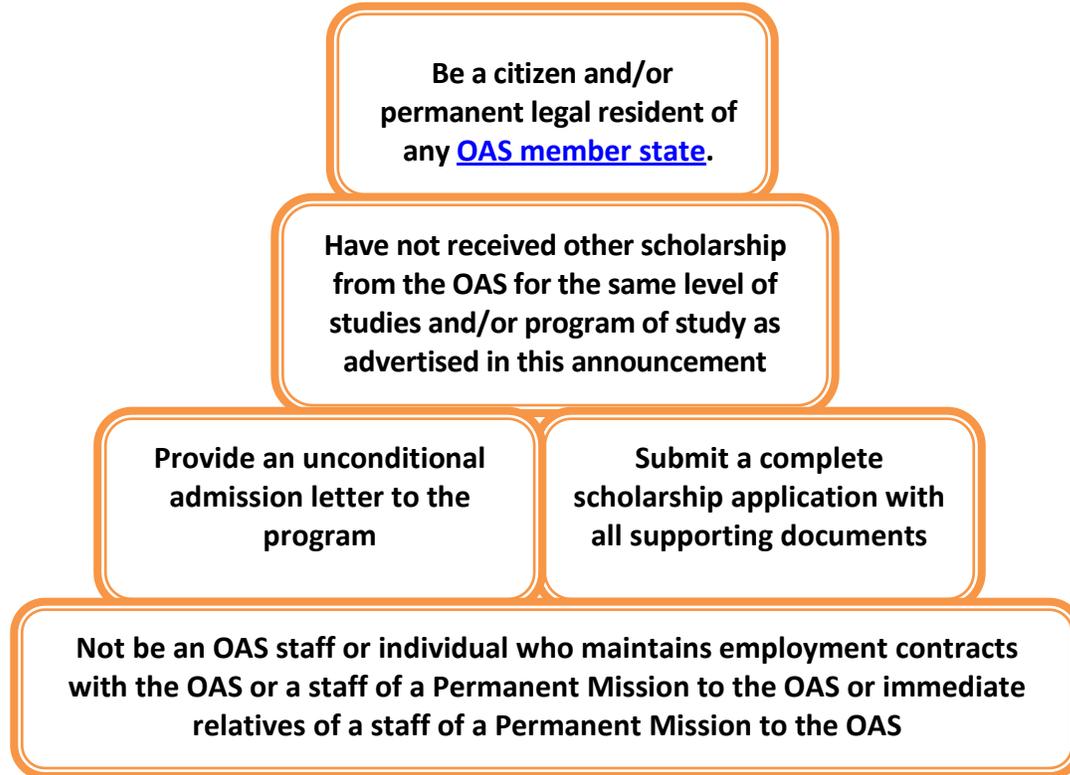
**5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	The OAS and RIT will cover 50% or 60% of the tuition fees.
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for books and study materials and any costs not covered by the scholarship.
<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.

## 6. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

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



## 7. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- Gender diversity.

## 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/ RIT Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by RIT and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at RIT.
- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- 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.
- 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 majeure, the OAS

and RIT 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 RIT 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)**