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## OAS - University for International Cooperation 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – Second Cohort

### 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 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.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Master's in Project Management
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	20 months, approximately
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Program admission application: July 15, 2016</b> <b>Scholarship application: August 5, 2016</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	<b>September 27, 2016</b>
<b>END DATE</b>	<b>May 2018, approximately</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	90% tuition waiver to top ranked candidates and 30% tuition waiver to other qualified candidates.

### 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, 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.

### 2. About The University for International Cooperation

More than 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/master-in-project-management-oas>

To complete the admission form, please go to: <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 [admissions@ucigspm.com](mailto:admissions@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.

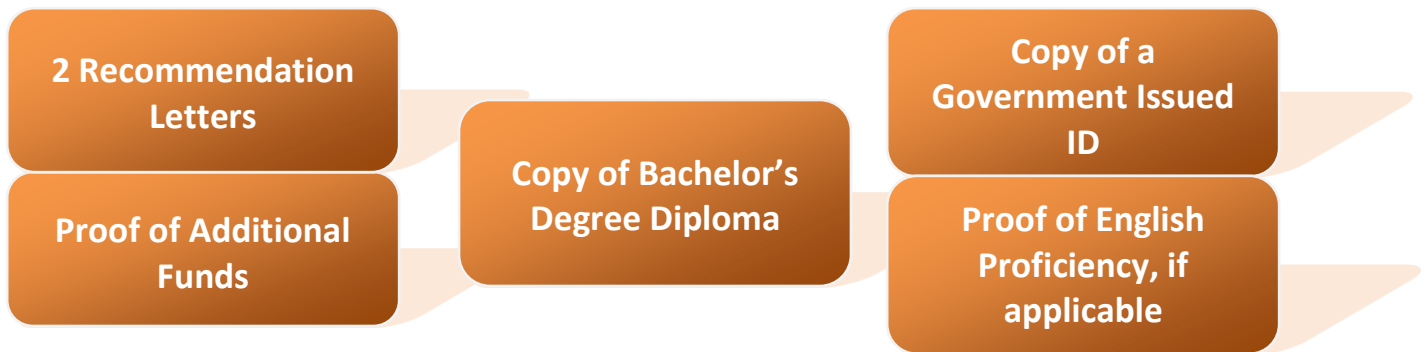
You will be required to upload the following documents where indicated in the application form:

**Unconditional  
Admission Letter**

**Copy of Bachelor's  
Degree Transcript**

**Curriculum Vitae or  
Resume**

<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) All supporting documents must be in English or officially translated into English.
- 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 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

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 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.
- d) 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.
- 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.

<p><b>Essay 1</b></p> <p>Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.</p>	<p><b>Essay 2</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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**OAS Contact Information:**

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

## 5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	Master in Project Management. For more information on the program please visit: <a href="http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas">http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas</a> To complete the admission form, please go to: <a href="http://www.uci.ac.cr/admision-costa-rica">http://www.uci.ac.cr/admision-costa-rica</a>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	30% or 90% of the tuition fees
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	The scholarship awardees will be responsible for the remaining tuition fees, study materials and any other fees not covered by the scholarship offer.
<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 unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

Based on scholarship offer, please see the University's payment plan in the table below.

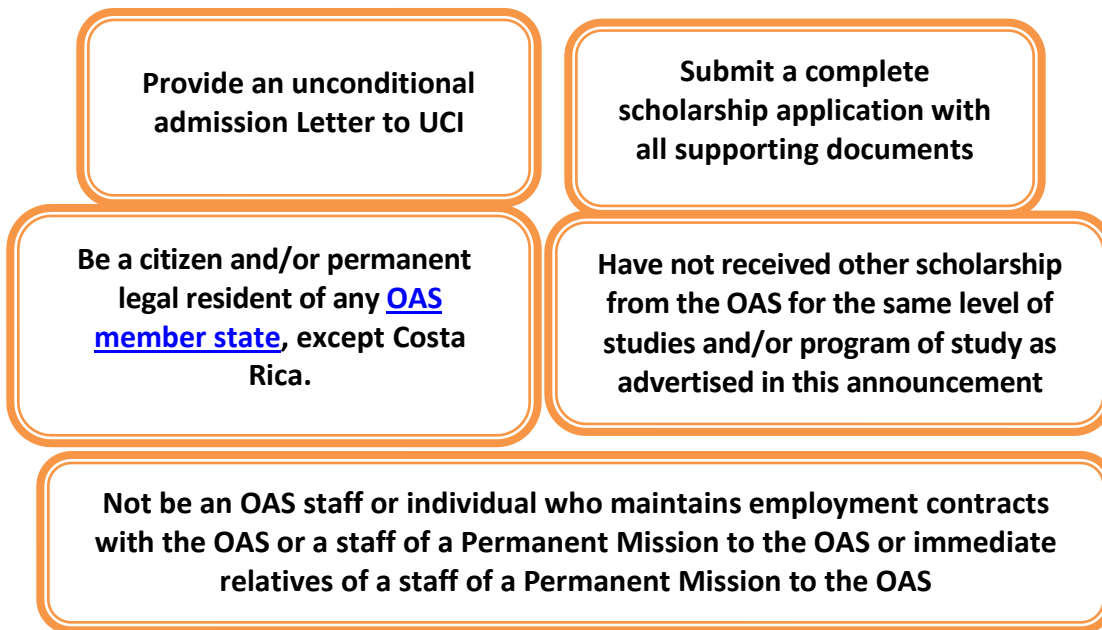
Payment Plan		
	Amount (USD)	Amount (USD)
<b>PLAN A-One payment (for the 90% Scholarship)</b>		<b>MPM</b>
<b>Total Program cost (USD)</b>	6000	
<b>Amount/percentage that OAS-UCI Scholarship covers</b>	5400 90%	
Remaining cost to be paid by the OAS-UCI Scholarship recipient before the Program's start date in one installment	600	
<b>Total</b>	600	
<b>PLAN B-Thirteen payments plus enrollment fee (for the 30% Scholarship)</b>		<b>Amount (USD)</b>
		<b>MPM</b>
<b>Total program cost (USD)</b>		6545
<b>Amount/percentage that OAS-UCI Scholarship covers</b>		1963 30%
Remaining cost to be paid by the OAS-UCI Scholarship recipient in thirteen installments plus enrollment fee		4582
Enrollment fee payment due before the Program's start date	N/A	500
Thirteen payments due before the start date of each of the program's courses	N/A	314
<b>Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4582</b>

**Please note:**

- a) The student will be responsible for registering and remaining as active members of PMI (Project Management Institute) throughout the duration of their studies in the MPM program. This membership provides access to resources that will be required as study materials for the program’s courses. The annual membership fee is currently \$129.
- b) Other educational resources (books, etc.) required in the courses to be purchased by the student may amount to a total estimate of \$300.
- c) The student will be responsible for covering the costs established by UCI for such contingencies as re-entry fees (in case of temporary withdrawal), fees for supplementary evaluation activity or repetition of a course (in case a course is failed), fees for rescheduling the date of an exam, etc.
- d) 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:**

- 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 majeure, 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.

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