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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE GALILEE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE – ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States



Scholarship Application Deadline
September 4, 2017 and October 15, 2017

The General Secretariat of the [Organization of American States](#) (GS/OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the [Galilee International Management Institute – Israel](#) (GIMI), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its certificate courses.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

COURSES, START DATES AND DURATION:	<u>14 DAYS</u> October 25 - November 7, 2017 1. Agribusiness and Post-Harvest Management 2. Irrigated Agriculture in Times of Climate Change 3. Advanced Dairy Technology and Farm Management 4. Environmental Management 5. Integrated Water Resources Management
	<u>12 DAYS</u> December 07 – 18, 2017 6. Crisis and Mass Disaster Management
MODALITY and LOCATION:	Onsite in Nahalal, Israel
LANGUAGE:	English
DEADLINES	<u>Application for scholarship through the OAS:</u> Courses beginning in October: September 4, 2017 Course beginning in December: October 15, 2017
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of tuition and fees, including study materials; • A one-time stipend of USD \$1,500 to the top ranked candidates to assist with the local expense fee in Israel.

▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (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.

The [Galilee International Management Institute – Israel](#) (GIMI) develops advanced capacity building courses for professional personnel from all over the world. Since its establishment in Israel in 1987, the GIMI has received a global reputation as a leading management institute.

The GIMI was founded on the belief that all countries can advance its economies by investing in the human element - in the knowledge as well as the innovative, daring thinking of the people working in each sector of society. This belief followed as the GIMI witnessed the rapid economic and infrastructural development of Israel in less than seventy years since its establishment, despite the lack of natural resources. Social emphasis on education and initiative has proven to be a powerful engine of progress.

To date more than 16,000 senior managers, administrators and planners, from over 170 countries, have graduated from the GIMI's programs. As the GIMI is actively concerned with sustainable progress, the GIMI's senior management keeps in touch with its graduates, fostering cooperation and knowledge sharing, years after of participation in the GIMI courses. In turn, the GIMI's valued alumni provide feedback that enables GIMI to continue improving and making its programs the most relevant from year to year.

Galilee Achievements and Initiatives

Taking advantage of the position of Israel as an innovative world leader in various fields, based on knowledge development and investment in education, GIMI has a team of experts that deliver comprehensive and varied programs. In addition to its annual offerings, GIMI has long-term training agreements with many countries, including China, Kenya and Nigeria, by granting tuition scholarships. This is in line with GIMI's mission to increase its commitment to share the Israeli know-how in an effort to improve sustainable development. The GIMI is proud that its graduates attribute much of their success from attending GIMI programs. Among its Alumni are Government Ministers, University Vice Chancellors, State Governors and high ranking officials, both Governmental and from the NGO sector.

Pertinent to its belief that everyone benefits by co-existence, despite the current political climate GIMI constantly works with and welcomes participants from Jordan, Egypt, Indonesia, Afghanistan and key Palestinian organizations to deliver capacity building programs to advance development. The GIMI views this pro-active investment, especially in regional cooperation, as key in the path to peace. The GIMI also participates in many projects that promote Israeli-Palestinian endeavors towards co-existence.

▼ COURSE REGISTRATION AT THE GIMI

Candidates should first apply for scholarship consideration through the OAS. Eligible candidates will be asked to register for the selected course at the GIMI after the scholarship offer is accepted.

Applicants can contact the GIMI International Department at info@galilcol.ac.il or visit the GIMI's website at www.galilcol.ac.il for more information about the courses.

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▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- ⊗ Immigration fees, if applicable;
- ⊗ Research expenses;
- ⊗ Local Expense Fee;
 - The local expense fee is USD 3,550 for double occupancy and USD 4,950 for single occupancy. The amount per occupancy will be reduced by \$1,500 based on the scholarship benefit.
 - The local expense fee covers accommodation, full board and refreshments, transport from and to the airport, as well as for study tours and Holy Land excursions; social coordinators on site, computer and Internet facilities, medical insurance, and registration fee.
- ⊗ Round trip airfare; and
- ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-GIMI Scholarship offer.

- ✓ The expenses listed above as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of any other costs as needed to the GIMI.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents online.
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

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

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 > Gather supporting documents

To apply for an OAS – GIMI scholarship, the candidate must fill out the OAS online application form and attach the following supporting documentation:

1. **Government issued ID** – scan or photo of [passport page](#) that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. **[Transcript](#) or record of grades** – copy of bachelor's degree transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
3. **Certificate or Diploma** – copy of bachelor's degree diploma.
4. **Recommendation Letter** – submit one [recommendation letter](#) from a university professor or current or most recent employer that includes the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor's/Employer's position within the University/Institution with date and signature.
 - ✓ The recommendation letter should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

5. **Essay** – Applicants are required to respond to the **essay question** below. The essay should be written in English and have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

Essay Question

Describe how participating in this course will enhance your professional skills, and directly impact your institution, community and country.

6. **Curriculum vitae** – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
7. **Proof of English Proficiency**, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
- ✓ A copy of 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;
 - ✓ IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
8. **Proof of Additional Funds** – proof that the scholarship recipient has **sufficient funds** to cover remaining local expense fee, estimated at USD 2,050 based on double occupancy and USD 3,450 based on single occupancy, 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;
 - a signed letter from a relative indicating financial support to you and corresponding bank letters or statements from the relative.

NOTES:

- ✓ All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.
- ✓ The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.

Step 2 > Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the OAS-GIMI Online scholarship Application Form, and upload all the required documents listed above in **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated above.

[Click here for the Online Scholarship Application Form](#)

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee The Galilee International Management Institute – Israel and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published on our scholarship website at www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an 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 GIMI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at GIMI.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient 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 GIMI may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country 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 GIMI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-GIMI Scholarship Program"



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