

OAS – Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of the Erasmus University Rotterdam

2017 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the master’s degree program below.

PROGRAMS:	Master of Science in Urban Management and Development Detailed information about the program is available at www.iloveurban.org .
MODALITY:	Onsite in The Netherlands
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	12 months
DEADLINES:	Program admission: May 1, 2017* Scholarship application: June 1, 2017
START DATE	October 3, 2017
END DATE	September 22, 2018
BENEFITS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 60% tuition fees waiver and waiver of registration cost, administrative fee and study materials to top ranked candidate. 2. Waiver of registration cost, administrative fee, study materials and a one-time subsistence allowance to remaining candidates.

1. About The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the OAS. Through its 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 Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies

55 years Investing in People Who Make Cities Work. The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) mission is to develop human and institutional capacities to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities. The IHS is an international center of excellence of the School of Economics (ESE) and the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, operating on a global scale by offering post-graduate education, training, advisory services and applied research. Today more people live in cities than ever before. Our urban future confronts us with great innovations and challenges. Cities need urban professionals who can understand, face and manage these developments to create urban futures that improve the quality of life in cities. IHS trains and advises these professionals on a global scale through its integrated approach in education, advisory services and research that offers practice and theory on urban management and development.

3. *APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION

The final deadline for application for admission to IHS is June 1, 2017; however, to apply for this scholarship, candidates need to have received an unconditional admission offer from IHS to include in the scholarship application. Please apply for admission in a timely manner since on average it takes 4 weeks for your application to be processed and a digital admission offer is sent to you by IHS.

Student/Applicant's profile

Detailed information about the program and profile of student's is available through the following link: www.iloveurban.org

Admission Process:

Before applying for admission, applicants are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. For information about the Institute's application process for this Program, please visit the Institute's website at www.iloveurban.org.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

Students must have a bachelor's degree in a relevant field & proof of sufficient English proficiency

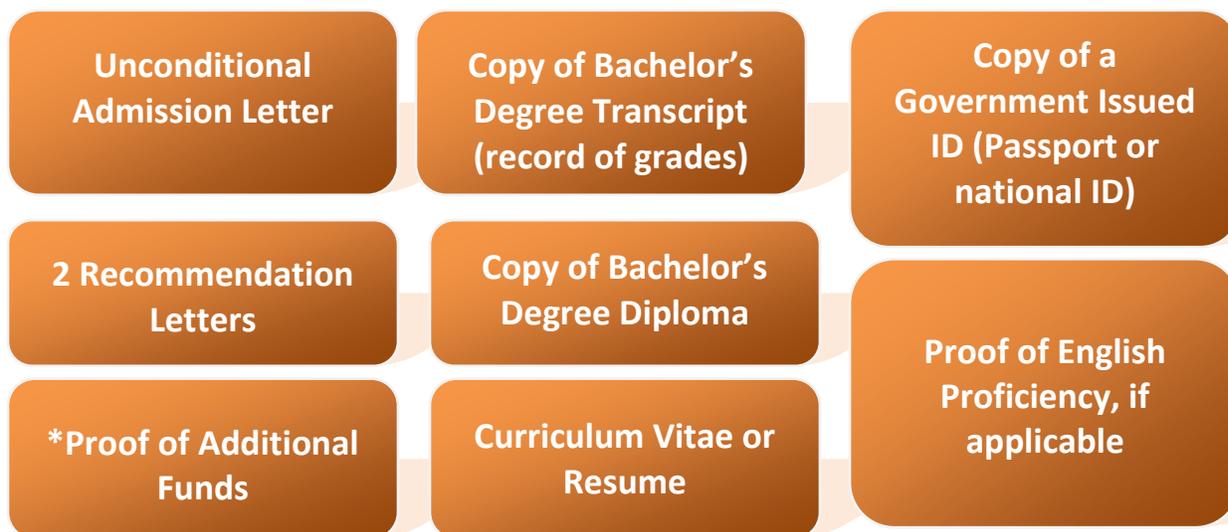
University Contact Information:

Applicants should contact Ms. Desislava Yordanova at yordanova@ihs.nl or +31 10 408 9865 for more information about the university's admission process.

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a [Scholarship Application](#) online through the OAS Fellowship Management System (FMS).

You are required to upload the following documents where indicated in the online application form. Please note that all supporting documents must first be combined into ONE PDF document before it can be uploaded in the application form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded, hence the aforementioned request. Please be guided accordingly.



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 580 or higher for the paper based test, 237 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 92;
 - IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

Note: The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed program start date.

- c) Proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship, which is estimated from USD\$22,500 - \$29,200 (based on type of scholarship offer) 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.

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.

Note: The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

- 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.

<p>Essay 1</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>Essay 2</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. Jennifer Hoogdorp at jhoogdorp@oas.org.

5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

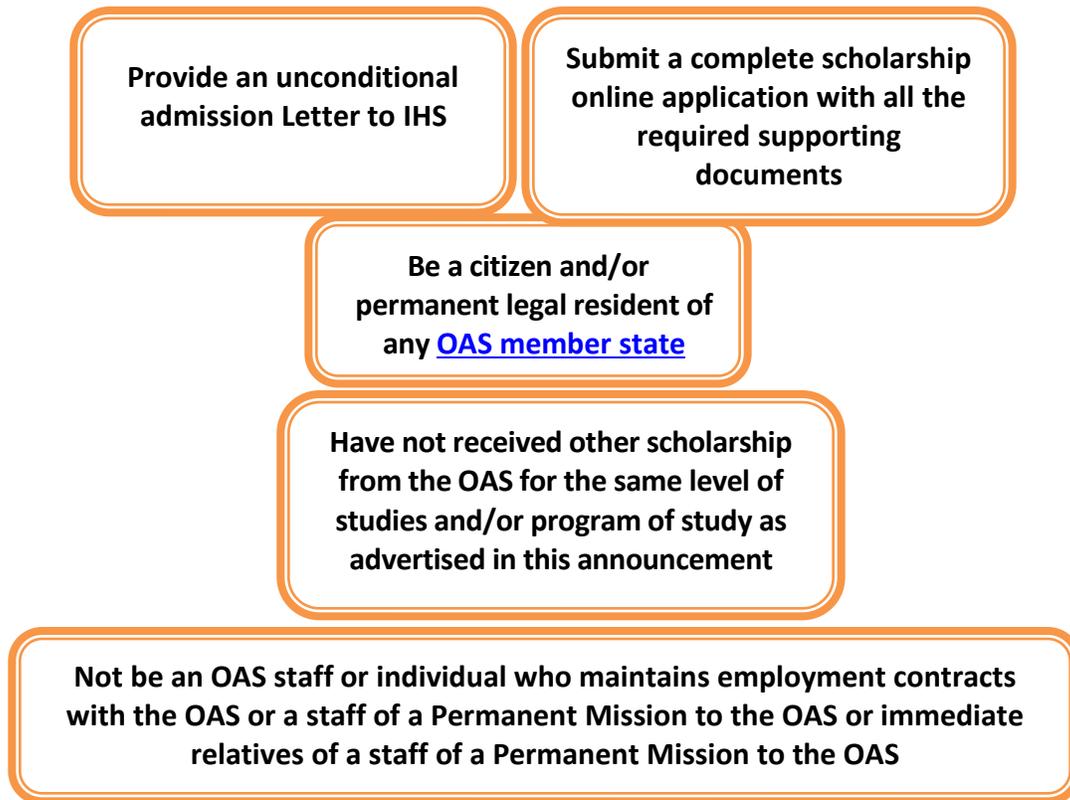
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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<p>In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for payment of visa/immigration fees, research expenses, health insurance, living expenses including accommodation and local transportation, airfare and any costs not covered by the scholarship.</p>

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 IHS.

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipients. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipients 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:



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/IHS 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 IHS and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at IHS.

- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) To retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients 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 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 IHS 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.
- g) Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent 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 IHS could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships