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## OAS – MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States



**Scholarship Application Deadlines**

**Fall 2017 – July 15, 2017**

**Spring 2018 - November 15, 2017**

The General Secretariat of the [Organization of American States](#) (GS/OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) of Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), and the [Michigan State University College of Law](#) (MSU-COL), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its Master of Laws or Master of Jurisprudence in Global Food Law program. The Master of Laws program is for attorneys, while the Master of Jurisprudence program is for students with other academic backgrounds.

### ▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<a href="#">Master of Laws (LL.M) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) in Global Food Law</a>	
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online through Michigan University College of Law virtual classroom	
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English	
<b>DURATION:</b>	2 years (maximum of 5 years)	
<b>CALENDER:</b>	<b>The University's Admission Deadline</b> Fall 2017: July 1, 2017 Spring 2018: November 1, 2017	<b>OAS Scholarship Deadline</b> Fall 2017: July 15, 2017 Spring 2018: November 15, 2017
	Classes begin: <b>Fall</b> August 28, 2017	<b>Spring</b> – January 8, 2018
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The University shall charge \$835 per credit hour for tuition for the duration of the Program.</li> <li>The OAS shall provide a one-time subsistence allowance of USD \$3,000 to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition.</li> </ul>	



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## ▼ 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.

[Michigan State University College of Law](#) (MSU-COL) is part of Michigan State University, one of the top 100 universities in the world, and one of the largest universities in the United States. Founded as a land-grant university, Michigan State is at the forefront of research and academics related to agriculture and food production, marketing, packaging, and safety standards. The College of Law's Global Food Law program builds upon these strengths, focusing on the regulatory and legal aspects of the food industry. The program attracts a talented group of students from all over the world, and positions them for success. . Global Food Law graduates gain a powerful set of legal skills and tools to navigate the complex standards of the industry, which vary from country to country. Program graduates are working in every aspect of the food industry, from research and development to regulatory and legal affairs. They work across the industry in private firms, Fortune 100 companies, global nonprofits, academia and government agencies. On campus, MSU Law offers a Juris Doctor program, Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence programs in Intellectual Property, Information & Communication Law, and an Advanced Standing J.D. program for foreign lawyers.

## ▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Applicants are encouraged to contact the MSU College of Law Office of Graduate and International Programs. For more information, please visit MSU Law's Global Food Law program website: <http://globalfood.law.msu.edu/index.html>. A video about the program is also available by clicking [here](#).

1. Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.

Please visit: <http://globalfood.law.msu.edu/admission.html> to understand admission requirements to the programs of study.

2. Applicants can contact Ms. Carrie Feeheley, Director of the Office of Graduate and International Programs, at [feehelec@law.msu.edu](mailto:feehelec@law.msu.edu) for more information about the university's admission process and program details.



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- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

## ▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Remaining program tuition and fees (approximately \$17,000);</li> <li>⊗ Books and study materials (approximately \$100/semester);</li> <li>⊗ A computer with sufficient internet connectivity to stream videos, presentations, and other online content, and to support online viewing of written course materials, as well as word processing; and</li> <li>⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS/MSU-COL Scholarship offer.</li> </ul>
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- ✓ The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to MSU Law.

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide OAS with an unconditional admission letter from MSU-COL
- Submit a complete scholarship application to OAS with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except the *United States*.

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 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 essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

### Step 1 > Gather required supporting documents

To apply for an OAS – MSU-COL scholarship, candidates must fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach the following supporting documentation:

1. Government issued ID – scan a photo of [passport page](#) that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. Admission letter – unconditional admission letter from MSU-Law.
3. [Transcript](#) or record of grades – copy of Bachelor degree transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
4. Bachelor’s Degree Diploma
5. Two (2) Recommendation Letters – one of the [recommendation letters](#) should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by 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.



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6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays as part of the OAS-MSU Law online application form and must be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages.

<p><b>Essay No. 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 No. 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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7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
8. 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
9. Proof of Additional Funds – 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.

**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.
- ✓ 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.



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## Step 2 > Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the [OAS-MSU-COL Online scholarship Application Form](#), and upload all the required documents listed above and both essays 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** MSU-COL and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://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 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/MSU-COL 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 MSU-COL and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at MSU.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ Authorize MSU-COL (in writing) to release academic and other information to OAS so that OAS can monitor the Scholarship recipient's academic performance. The form to complete this authorization will be provided by MSU Law.
- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ 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 MSU-COL 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 MSU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

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For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Jennifer Hoogdorp at [jhoogdorp@oas.org](mailto:jhoogdorp@oas.org).

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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