



OAS – University of South Carolina Aiken 2017 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the USC Aiken undergraduate programs.

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate Degree Programs as indicated in Annex 1
MODALITY:	Onsite in South Carolina, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	Varies per program of study.
DEADLINES:	<p>The university's admission: To begin Fall 2017: June 23, 2017 To begin Spring 2018: October 15, 2017</p> <p>Scholarship application: To begin Fall 2017: June 23, 2017 To begin Spring 2018: November 1, 2017</p>
START DATE	Fall: August 24, 2017 Spring: January 2018
END DATE	Varies per program of study.
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD \$250 per semester applicable to the Fall and Spring semesters each year; • In-state tuition cost; • USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of travel to USC Aiken.

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 of South Carolina Aiken

The University of South Carolina, the state's flagship university which was founded in Columbia in 1801, began offering courses in Aiken for students interested in completing their degrees in Columbia. USC Aiken became the fourth campus founded of the eight that would eventually comprise the USC System. Three full-time faculty members, a secretary, and 139 students joined for the university's first academic semester in September 1961. Classes took place in "Banksia," a former winter-colony mansion in downtown Aiken.

Today, USC Aiken has ranked in the top three public baccalaureate colleges in the South by *U.S. News & World Report's* guide "America's Best Colleges" for nineteen consecutive years. More than 3,500 students attend the university, and approximately 500 students graduate each year. USC Aiken is "The University of Choice", providing bachelor's and master's degrees in 48 programs of study while delivering many of the offerings of a large university on a small, friendly campus with intimate class sizes and personal attention. The commitment to continuing partnerships is woven into the fabric of the campus' culture

3. Application for Admission Information

Applicants are encouraged to contact the USC Aiken Office of Admissions for more information, please go to the USC Aiken's website: <http://www.usca.edu/admissions/>

Student/Applicant's profile and Admission Process

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://www.usca.edu/admissions/> to understand admission requirements to the program of study.

University Contact Information

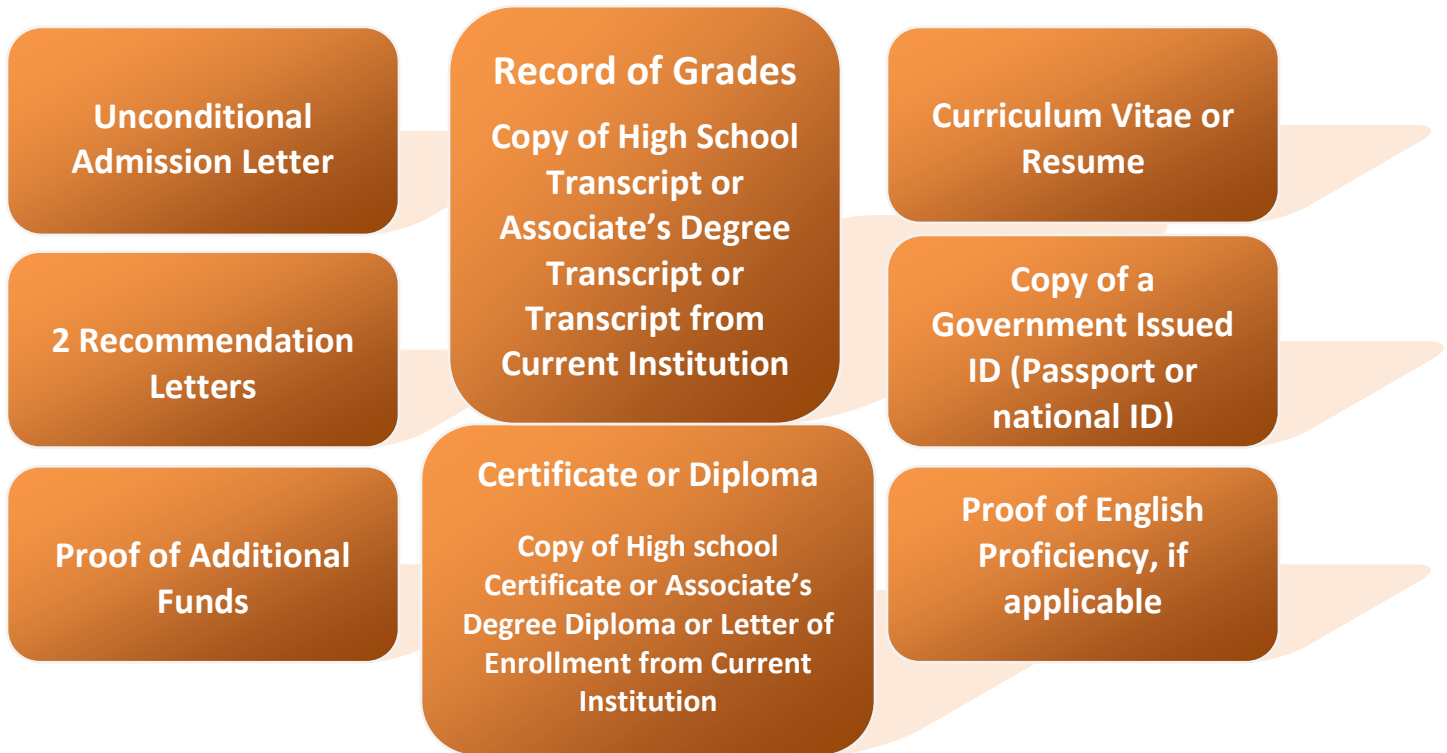
Applicants can contact Mr. Andy Kabasele at andyk@usca.edu for more information about the university's admission process and program details.

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

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

You are required to upload the following documents where indicated in the 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.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



Please note the following:

- a) All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.
- b) 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

Note: 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.

Note: Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#) which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the US by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.

- 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.

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.

- 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>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:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org

5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

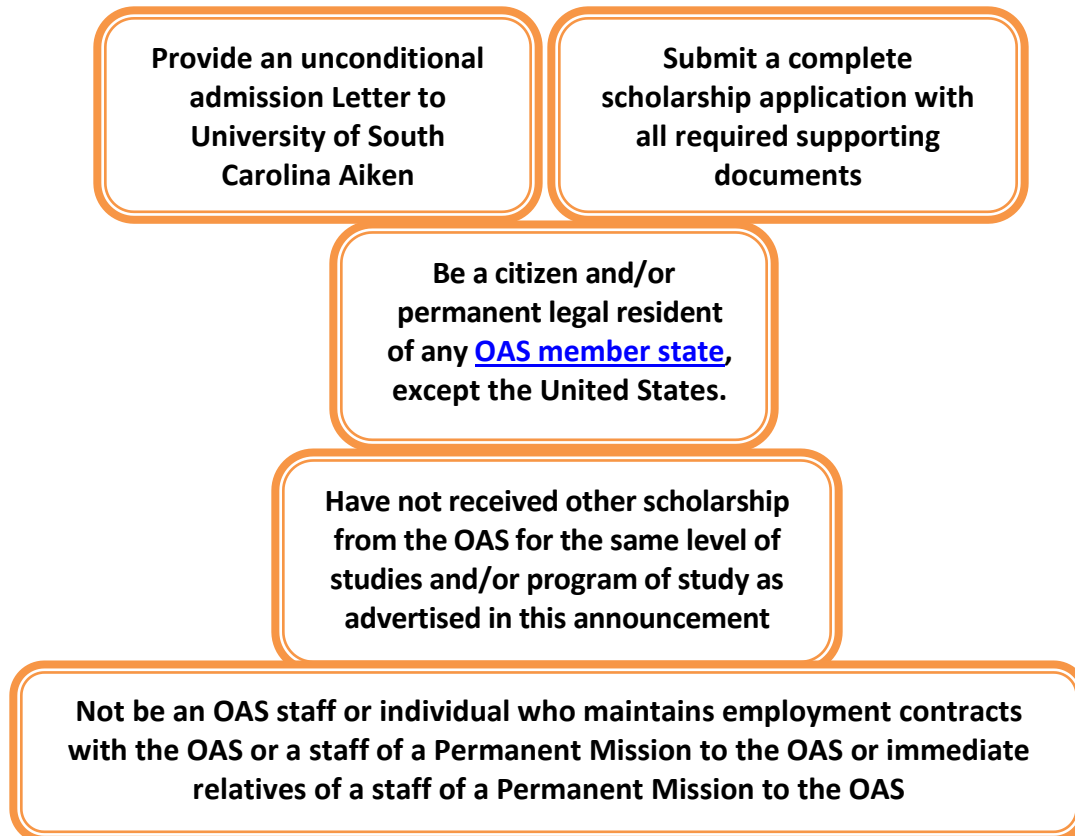
PROGRAMS:	All Undergraduate Degree Programs
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-state tuition cost; • USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of travel to USC Aiken.
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in-state tuition (\$10,000 per year for 2016-17) • on-campus housing (\$4,880 per year for 2016-17) • meal plan (\$2,586 per year for 2016-17) • textbooks (varies, averages approximately \$1,100 per year) • international application fee (\$100 one-time only) • international student service fee (\$300 one-time only) • medical insurance (varies) • personal living expenses (varies) • OAS-USC Aiken Scholarship recipients are required to live in on-campus housing • Any additional fees not included in the OAS-USC Aiken Scholarship offer.
COMMENTS	Applicants can also apply for the Rowe Fund which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the US by awarding interest-free loans of up to US\$15,000 dollars.

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, which is are subject to change based on the USC Board of Trustees decisions each academic year, as needed to USC Aiken.

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.

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.

ONLY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.

8. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- a. The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/USC Aiken 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 USC Aiken and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at USC Aiken.
- 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 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 USC Aiken 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 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 USC Aiken could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships

ANNEX 1: List of Programs

Major	Bachelor's	Concentration	College / School
Biology	BA/BS		Sciences and Engineering
Biology	BS	Env. Remediation and Restoration	Sciences and Engineering
Biology	BS	Molecular Biology	Sciences and Engineering
Business Administration	BS	Accounting	Business Administration
Business Administration	BS	Finance	Business Administration
Business Administration	BS	Management	Business Administration
Business Administration	BS	Marketing	Business Administration
Chemistry	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Clinical Laboratory Science	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Communication	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Early Childhood Education	BA		Education
Elementary Education	BA		Education
English	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Exercise and Sports Science	BS	Allied Health	Sciences and Engineering
Exercise and Sports Science	BS	Basic Sciences	Sciences and Engineering
Exercise and Sports Science	BS	Fitness Management	Sciences and Engineering
Fine Arts	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
History	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Industrial Process Engineering	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Industrial Mathematics	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Interdisciplinary Studies	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Interdisciplinary Studies	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Mathematics/Computer Science	BS		Sciences and Engineering
Middle Level Education	BA	Social Studies / English	Education
Middle Level Education	BA	Mathematics / English	Education
Middle Level Education	BA	Mathematics / Science	Education
Middle Level Education	BA	Mathematics / Social Studies	Education
Middle Level Education	BA	Science / English	Education
Middle Level Education	BA	Science / Social Studies	Education
Music Education	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Political Science	BA		Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Psychology	BA/BS		Sciences and Engineering
Psychology	BA/BS	Neuroscience	Sciences and Engineering
Sociology	BA	General	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Sociology	BA	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Sociology	BA	Human Social Services	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Secondary Education	BA	Biology	Education
Secondary Education	BA	Chemistry	Education
Secondary Education	BA	Mathematics	Education
Secondary Education	BA	Comprehensive Social Studies	Education
Secondary Education	BA	English	Education
Special Education	BA		Education