



OAS-CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Latin-American Engineering Students



Application deadline: May 7, 2017

The General Secretariat of the [Organization of American States](#) (GS/OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment ([DHDEE](#)), and [Chonnam National University](#), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of Central and South America for the following summer program:

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAM:	Summer Engineering Program
BRIEF DESCRIPTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture on the Introduction to Material Science and Engineering + Lab research ▪ Includes visits to Korean companies such as Kia Motors , POSCO, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology, and Robot research initiative Institute ▪ Korean cultural immersion: Korean language classes, traditional costume experience, Korean food preparation, and visit to the Asian Cultural Center
MODALITY:	On-site in Gwangju , South Korea at Chonnam National University
ELIGIBILITY:	Citizens or permanent legal residents of Central and South American countries ¹ that are enrolled in engineering, preferably, but not limited to, students in their 2 nd to 4 th year of undergraduate studies with a minimum 2.5 GPA or better, on a 4.0 scale. Recent engineering graduates are also eligible. Candidate must be fluent in English.
LANGUAGE:	Courses will be taught in English; the program also includes Korean language classes
DURATION:	Five weeks: From July 3, 2017 to August 4, 2017.
BENEFITS:	<p>Up to 10 scholarships available which cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full tuition waiver ▪ Round trip airline ticket from and to awardee's home country to Incheon-Seoul. ▪ Ground transportation, arrival & departure, Incheon Airport-CNU-Incheon Airport ▪ Room and board ▪ Medical insurance
CALENDAR:	<p>OAS scholarship online application deadline: May 7, 2017</p> <p>Publication of awardees: May 23, 2017</p> <p>Classes begin in South Korea: July 3, 2017</p>

¹ Latin-American countries participating in this scholarship announcement: Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The goal of this scholarship program is to achieve a closer integration through cultural exchange between Latin- American citizens with South Korean citizens.



▼ 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), the 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, the DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. The 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.

Founded in 1952, [Chonnam National University \(CNU\)](#) has remained committed to fostering global leaders and professional as one of Korea's most innovative universities with a reputation for its research, teaching, and important role in local communities. Located in Chonnam province, southwest of Korea, CNU encompasses 16 colleges and 11 graduate schools. With 2,200 academic staff members, it provides comprehensive services to 35,000 students, including 1,200 international students from 75 different countries, in its strive to build a 'World Class' University, meeting the 'Global Standard' with an open campus and an administrative system. CNU is also known for its [Robot Research Initiative](#) (RRI), which a research institute dedicated to advanced robotics research.

▼ ABOUT THE SUMMER ENGINEERING PROGRAM

The [Summer Engineering Program](#) has the following components:

1. **The lecture on 'Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering'** aims at introducing fundamental concepts in material science. Students will learn about material structure, how structure dictates properties, and how processing can modify structure.
2. **Lab Mentoring:** laboratory, Students will do research & experiments, based on their individual interest and major. Teams of two students (mentees) will be paired with a graduate mentoring student.
3. **Korean Cultural Excursions:** Cooking, folk village, costume experiences, etc.
4. **Company Visits:** KIA motors, POSCO, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology, etc.
5. **Korean Language & Culture Special Lecture:** Cultural immersion of South Korean: achieved through Korean language classes, traditional costume experience, and Korean food preparation.

Please take into consideration that this is an non credit program. For more information, please visit the program brochure [here](#).



▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ **Full tuition waiver:** The scholarship covers the program fee.
- ✓ **Round trip airline ticket from and to awardee's home country to [Incheon-Seoul](#).** The scholarship provides the international flight ticket from the nearest international airport from the student origin to Incheon-Seoul International Airport (ICN).
- ✓ **Ground transportation, arrival & departure, [Incheon](#) Airport-CNU-Incheon Airport:** Once the student arrives at the ICN on the pick-up date, personnel of Chonnam National University (CNU) will take the students on a bus from the airport to CNU dormitory directly, as well as in the student departure.
- ✓ **Room and board: The scholarship includes accommodation for 5 weeks of the program:** CNU's Student Residence Hall is conveniently located within a 5-minute walk from all of the lecture halls. All students share a room with a roommate; each room is furnished with separate beds, closets, and desks.
- ✓ **Medical insurance during the summer program.**
- ✓ **Free access to CNU's Facilities:**
 - Reading room
 - Computer room
 - Lounge
 - Ping-pong room
 - Ironing room
 - Fitness room
 - Washroom & shower
 - Others

▼ ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of following Central or South American countries: Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
- ✓ Applicants must be current or recent higher education graduates from engineering majors (Fields).
- ✓ Applicants must possess an excellent level of verbal and written English skills. See certification requirements here.
- ✓ Applicants must possess a 2.5 GPA or better, on a 4.0 scale.

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.

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

- ⊗ Visa processing fee in applicant's home country (if applicable).
- ⊗ English translations of recommendation letters
- ⊗ Pocket money for any personal expenses.



▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merits and overall credentials;
- Geographical distribution, taking into account national needs as per the United Nations Development Program [Human Development Indices](#) of the participant countries in this scholarship announcement and;
- Gender diversity.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 > Gather required documents

In order to apply for an OAS - Chonnam National University scholarship, the candidate must fill out Online Application Form and attach only the following required documentation:

- Scan or photo of [passport page](#) that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
- Curriculum vitae, in English; no specific format required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
- Essays: Applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays as part of the OAS-Chonnam Online Application Form and must be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages.
 - **Essay No. 1:** The applicants must describe why they are passionate about engineering and how they consider they can benefit from the academic and cultural components of the Summer Engineering Program at Chonnam National University.
 - **Essay No. 2:** The applicant must address a letter of commitment (no specific format required) addressed to the Organization of American States/OAS-Chonnam Scholarship Program indicating that the applicant is willing to:
 - a. Travel to South Korea to attend the Summer Engineering Program.
 - b. Attend all academic and cultural components, as per CNU's instruction, for the five-week duration of the program
 - c. Pay for any personal expense, not covered by this scholarship.
- [Transcript](#) for the last study year (submitted in English) and, preferably, included a certification letter, issued by the university, confirming the semester in which the applicant is enrolled. Transcripts must be translated to English by a sworn translator.
- English language proficiency certification (for non-native English speakers), such as the [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](#) (Academic) 6.5, or the equivalent.



A high school diploma is also acceptable if it is issued by:

- a. an academic institution in an English-speaking country, or
- b. a bilingual (English+another language) academic institution where 50% or more of the classes are delivered in English.

These are the only acceptable certifications.

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

- A [recommendation letter](#) strictly from a current professor, in English, addressed to the Organization of American States/OAS-Chonnam Scholarship Program. This letter must include the professor's name, email and telephone number.

Step 2 > Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the [OAS-Chonnam Online 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. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated above.

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

Applications should be submitted no later than **May 7, 2017**.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee Chonnam National University and the OAS will select the 10 scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published at www.oas.org/scholarships no later than May 23, 2017.

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. Scholarship awardees will be provided an admission letter to CNU, for [visa](#) processing requirements, if applicable.

▼ CONTACT INFORMATION:

For additional information on the program, please send an email to scholarships@oas.org



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