



## OAS – International Institute of Social Studies 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 International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in master’s degree program below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<p>Master of Arts in Development Studies with a major in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies</li> <li>▪ Economics of Development</li> <li>▪ Governance and Development Policy</li> <li>▪ Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives</li> <li>▪ Social Policy for Development</li> </ul> <p>Detailed information about the program is available through the following link: <a href="http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme">http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme</a></p>
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Onsite in the Netherlands
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	16 months
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	Program admission: <b>May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> Scholarship application: <b>June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	4 September 2017
<b>END DATE</b>	14 December 2018
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	60% tuition fees

### **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 International Institute of Social Studies**

The International Institute of Social Studies is a University Institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Hague. The Institute is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education, it conducts interdisciplinary research, teaches and is involved in advisory work in the field of development studies and international cooperation. The institute offers a PhD program, an MA in Development Studies with various specializations and post graduate diploma programs. It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment. The Institute is located in The Hague, known as 'The World's Legal Capital'.

## **3. Application for Admission Information**

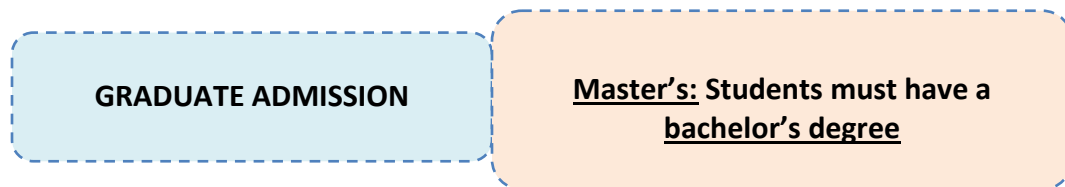
The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program.

### **Student/Applicant's profile**

Detailed information about the program and profile of student's is available through the following link:  
<http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme>

### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills expectations and interests. For information about the Institute's application process for this Program, please visit the Institute's website. [http://www.iss.nl/prospective\\_students/apply\\_to\\_iss/](http://www.iss.nl/prospective_students/apply_to_iss/)



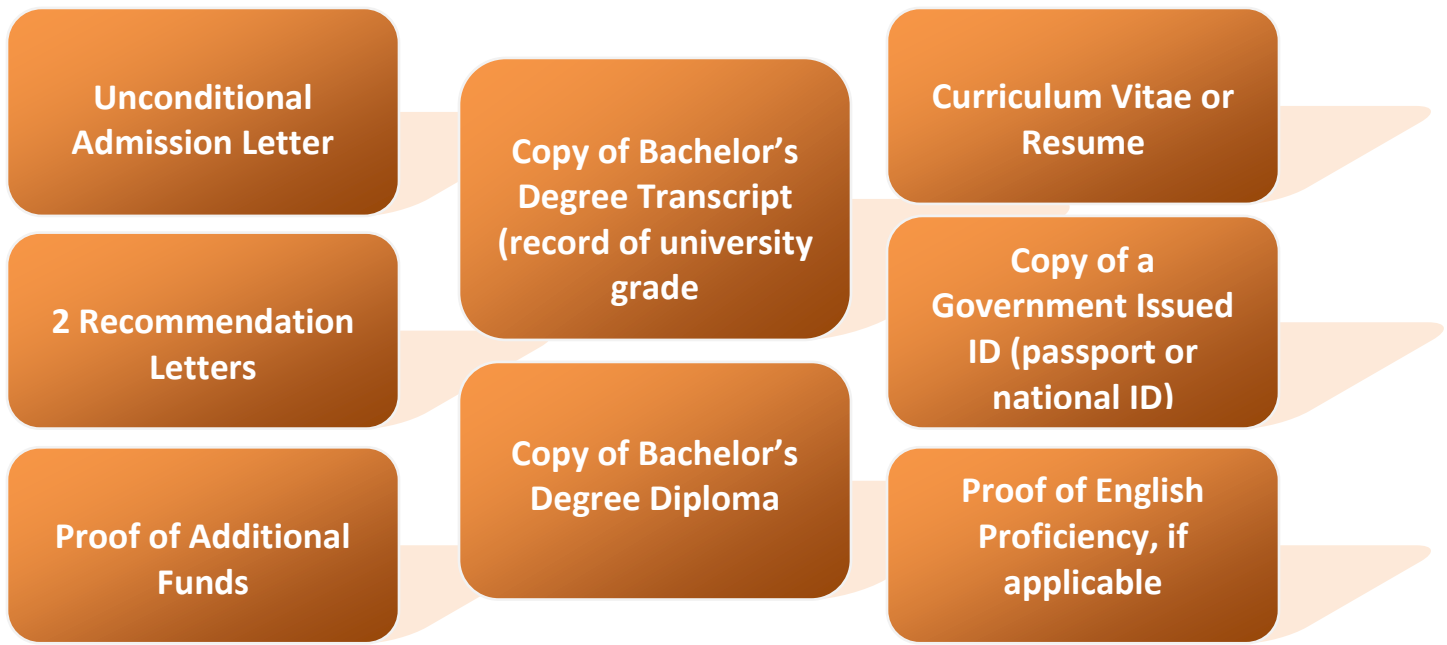
### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact the Admission Office at [student.office@iss.nl](mailto:student.office@iss.nl) 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** 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.**



**Please note the following:**

- a) All documents must be in English or official translated to English.
- 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 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
  - 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.
- 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.
  - 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><b>Essay 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 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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**OAS Contact Information:**

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

**5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	<p>The OAS and ISS shall cover 60% of the tuition fees.</p>
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	<p>In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for payment of registration fee, immigration fees (including schengen visa), research expenses, study visit, books and study materials, health insurance premium including administration costs, living expenses, 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 ISS.

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

**Provide an unconditional admission Letter to the University**

**Submit a complete scholarship application with all supporting documents**

**Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).**

**Have not received other scholarship from the OAS for the same level of studies and/or program of study as advertised in this announcement**

**Not be an OAS staff or individual who maintains employment contracts with the OAS or a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS or immediate relatives of a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS**

## **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/ISS 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 ISS and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at ISS.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee 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 ISS may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- f) Commitment to return to work in their country of origin 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 ISS could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

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**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**