



## OAS – Rochester Institute of Technology 2017 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### 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 Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in masters degree programs below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<a href="#">Human Resource Development</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Networking and System Administration</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Service Leadership and Innovation</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Environmental, Health and Safety Management</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Health Systems Administration</a> – 39 credits <a href="#">Professional Studies</a> – 33 credits <a href="#">Applied Statistics</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Imaging Science</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Manufacturing Leadership</a> – 30 credits <a href="#">Human-Computer Interaction</a> – 30 credits
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online (United States)
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	1-2 years
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Program admission: June 1, 2017</b> <b>Scholarship application: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	<b>August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>
<b>END DATE</b>	<b>May 2018, 2019</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	The OAS and RIT will cover 50% or 60% of the 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 Rochester Institute of Technology

The University is a nationally respected leader in professional and career-oriented education. Talented, ambitious, and creative students of all cultures and backgrounds—and from 50 states and more than 100 countries—have chosen to attend RIT. Few universities provide the University’s depth and breadth of career-oriented studies. The University’s nine colleges offer more than 170 different bachelor’s, master’s and PhD degree programs in art and design, business, engineering, science and mathematics, criminal justice, photography, environmental studies, hospitality and service management, computing and information sciences, bioinformatics, and many other areas. As a major technical university, the University offers academic opportunities that extend far beyond science and technology, including more liberal arts courses and faculty than you will find at most liberal arts colleges. With a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, students will gain an understanding of both technological developments and the philosophy and ethical issues that go with them.

## 3. Application for Admission Information

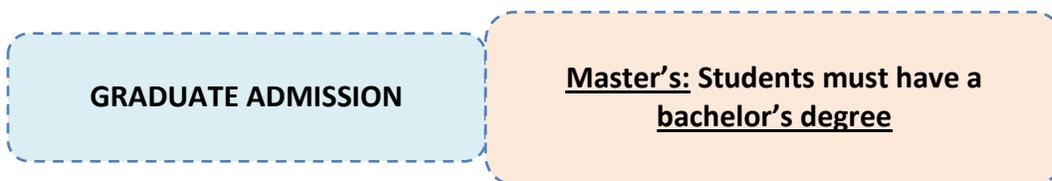
The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program before applying for the Scholarship. For more information on the application for admission process, please go to the RIT’s website: <http://www.rit.edu/emcs/ptgrad/grad.php>

### Student/Applicant’s profile:

Detailed information about the programs and profiles are available through the links indicated in the table on page 1 of this announcement.

### Admission Process:

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



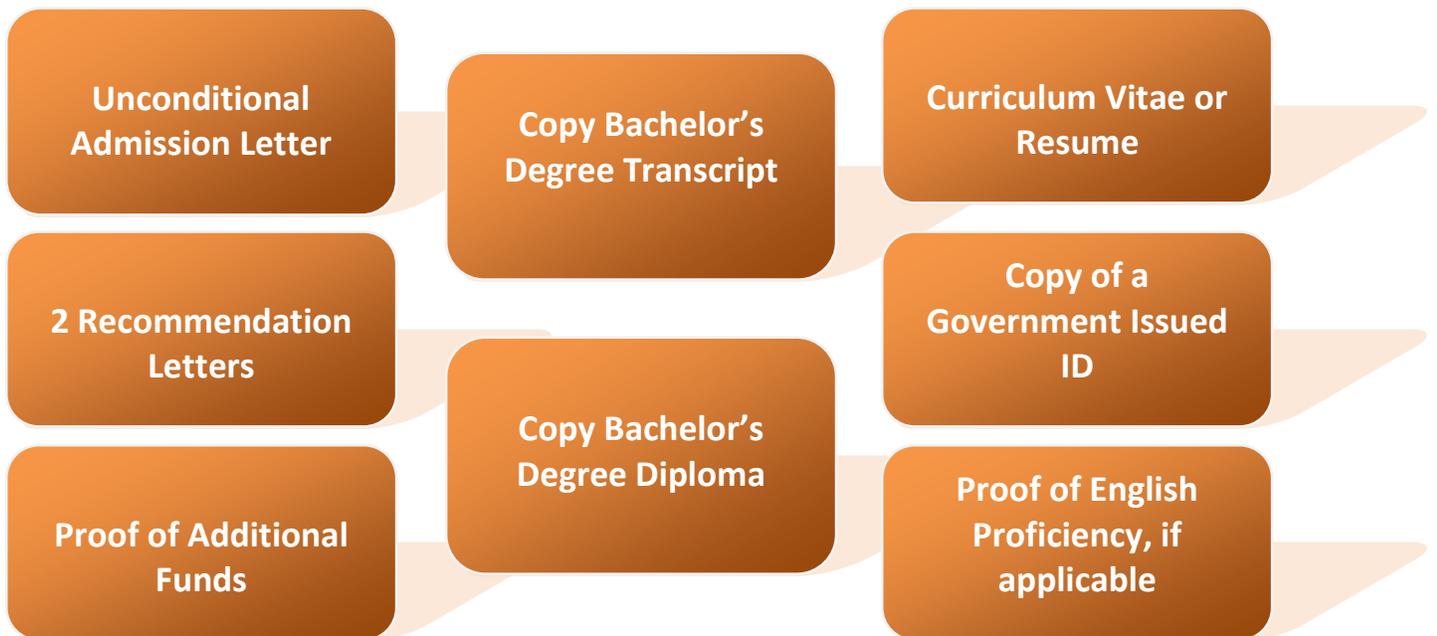
### University Contact Information:

For more specific questions about the university’s admission process, please contact Ms. Elisa Thompson at [emtges@rit.edu](mailto:emtges@rit.edu).

## 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:
  - 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, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89; OR
  - 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 tuition and fees and cost of books and study materials, which is estimated at USD \$22,000 -\$35,000 depending on the program you choose, by submitting one, or a combination, of the following documents:
  - 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.

**Essay 1**

Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.

**Essay 2**

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.

**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>	The OAS and RIT will cover 50% or 60% of the tuition fees.
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for books and study materials and any costs not covered by the scholarship.
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the awardee. In order to receive these benefits, the awardee should not be reported with a low academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

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 the university.

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](#), except the United States.**

**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.

**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/ RIT 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 RIT and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at RIT.
- 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 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 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)**