



## OAS – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW 2016 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 Syracuse University College of Law are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its Master of Laws program.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<a href="#">Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Law Program for Foreign Law Graduates</a>
<b>MODALITY</b>	Onsite in Syracuse, New York, United States
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>DURATION</b>	1 year
<b>DEADLINES</b>	<p><b>Fall 2017:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>Scholarship Deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>Scholarship deadline: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017</li> </ul>
<b>START DATE</b>	<p><b>Fall:</b> August 2017</p> <p><b>Spring:</b> January 2018</p>
<b>END DATE</b>	<p><b>If Enrolled in Fall:</b> August 2018</p> <p><b>If Enrolled in Spring:</b> December 2018</p>
<b>BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% reduction of tuition fee as offered by Syracuse University and a one-time tuition allowance of US\$3,500 offered by the OAS to the top ranked scholarship recipients.</li> <li>A one-time allowance of US\$1,350 to help defray cost of travel to the top ranked scholarship recipients offered by the OAS</li> </ul>

### 1. About the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the OAS. Through its 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 Syracuse University College of Law**

Syracuse University College of Law is embedded within Syracuse University, one of the world's leading research institutions. Our law students enjoy the benefits of a close-knit community of students, international visiting scholars, and faculty; small class sizes; and individual attention. At the same time, students have access to all the resources and support of a large University, including major library collections, guest lectures and symposia, a full range of international student services, and Division 1 sports teams. It provides the quintessential "American" higher education experience.

The College of Law is accredited by both the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, the Technology Commercialization Law Program, and the Disability Law & Policy Programs provide enhanced legal training in security studies, humanitarian/human rights law, intellectual property law, business/corporate law, and comparative disability law. The College also provides numerous professional development opportunities to prepare students for legal practice such as networking events, interview workshops, alumni speakers, and visiting judges.



## **3. About the Master of Law Program**

The LL.M. is a 24-credit program that can be completed over two semesters. Students will learn the foundations of the American legal system and U.S. Legal writing in courses designed for the program. LL.M. students then enroll in elective courses which are taken with students in our J.D. program; enriching the LL.M. experience. Students may specialize their studies in a variety of subject areas, such as corporate and business law, international human rights law, comparative disability law, intellectual property law, and more. The program is compliant with the requirements of the New York and California Bar Examiners.

## **4. APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION**

For admission you are required to submit an application for admission and provide the following document for consideration to Syracuse University.

### **Student / Applicant's Profile**

Students in the LL.M. program represent the legal education systems of Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Turkey, China, India, South Korea, Sudan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Togo, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Kenya, Jordan, and the United States. They range in experience from recent law undergraduates to seasoned legal professionals and academics. The LL.M. program is a host institution to the Organization of American States' Partnership for Education & Training; the Open Society Foundation's Disability Rights Scholarship Program and Civil Society Leadership Award; the Kurdistan Regional Government's Human Capacity Development Program; and various governmental departments of Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Turkey.

Proof of a law degree from a non-U.S. institution or license to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction

The [LL.M application](#) (with supplemental materials)

Proof of English proficiency (while no TOEFL/IELTS score is required, candidates are recommended to have the equivalency of a 100 TOEFL or a 7.0 IELTS score).

Proof of financial support documentation (required from foreign students who will need to apply for an F1 or J1 student visa).

### **Conditional Admission Program**

The College of Law offers conditional admission to students who may benefit from additional English-language instruction at Syracuse University's English Language Institute (ELI) before starting the LL.M. program.

### **"Legal English" Summer Session**

The intense "Legal English" summer session at ELI is a 6-week program that focuses on legal reading and writing; listening and speaking skills; and an introduction to the U.S. legal system, legal procedures, and legal terminology. Additional scholarships may be provided.

### **University Contact Information**

For more information on the admission process please visit [www.law.syr.edu](http://www.law.syr.edu) or contact Andrew Horsfall at [ashorsfa@law.syr.edu](mailto:ashorsfa@law.syr.edu).

## **5. 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.**

Admission Letter to Syracuse University College of Law

Copy of a Government Issued ID (passport or national ID)

Curriculum Vitae or Resume

2 Recommendation Letters

Copy of Bachelor's Degree Diploma

Copy of Bachelor's Degree Transcript or (Record of Grades)

Proof of Additional Funds

**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, 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.
- 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.

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

## **6. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remaining tuition;</li><li>• University fees;</li><li>• Immigration fees;</li><li>• Study materials;</li><li>• Living expenses;</li><li>• Round trip airfare;</li><li>• Any other costs not mentioned.</li></ul>

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 Syracuse University.

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

## **7. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

**Provide an Admission Letter to Syracuse University College of Law**

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

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

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

**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**

## **8. 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

## **9. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT:**

- a) The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/Syracuse University 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 Syracuse University and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at Syracuse.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees"
- e) To retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients should maintain in good academic standing
- f) The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipients 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 Syracuse University may require the scholarship recipients 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 Syracuse could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**[APPLY NOW!](#)**

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