**OAS – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**
**2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

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1. About the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States
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
Conditional Admission Program

“Legal English” Summer Session

University Contact Information

5. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS: Scholarship Application

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
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).

The LL.M application (with supplemental materials)

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

- All documents must be in English or official translated to English.
- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

OAS Contact Information:

For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Jennifer Hoogdorp at jhoogdorp@oas.org.
6. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- 50% reduction of tuition fee as offered by Syracuse University
- A one-time allowance of US$1,350 to the top-ranked scholarship recipients offered by the OAS
- A one-time tuition allowance of US$3,500 offered by the OAS to the top ranked scholarship recipients each year of the program to help defray cost of tuition at Syracuse.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Remaining tuition;
- University fees;
- Immigration fees;
- Study materials;
- Living expenses;
- Round trip airfare;
- Any other costs not mentioned.

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:

- 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 advertised in this announcement
- 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

9. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT:

APPLY NOW!

For more information go to www.oas.org/scholarships