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## OAS – The University of the West Indies 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 University of the West Indies (UWI), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its masters degree programs.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Please see list of programs in the Annex of this announcement
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Onsite, in Barbados, Jamaica or Trinidad and Tobago
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	1 Year
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Program admission: February 28, 2017</b> <b>Scholarship application: April 1, 2017</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	August 2017
<b>END DATE</b>	July 2018
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	The OAS and UWI will provide USD \$7,000 to cover the tuition fees.
<b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b>	Please note that OAS scholarships are not offered for studies in one's country of citizenship or permanent legal residence. Citizens and/or permanent legal residents of Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago will not be considered for these OAS scholarships at the University campus located in their country of citizenship or legal residence.

#### 1. ABOUT The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS)

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 The University of the West Indies (UWI)**

The UWI established in 1948 initially as an external College of the University of London and made fully independent in 1962, is the oldest, fully regional institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth Caribbean. Supported by seventeen countries all current or former colonies of Great Britain, the University is committed to the development of the region through the training of its human resources, conducting research, delivering advisory services to governments as well as to the private sector and forging links with other institutions in the wider region and the rest of the world.

The University has expanded to four campuses that serve diverse communities across the Caribbean region Cave Hill (in Barbados), Mona (in Jamaica) and St. Augustine (in Trinidad) and the Open Campus all of which deliver high quality education, research and services to all 17 contributing countries that support the University, as well as the Turks & Caicos Islands. The University of the West Indies currently has a total enrollment of over 47,000 students and graduates annually over 8,000 students (at undergraduate, graduate and diploma levels).

## **3. APPLICATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION**

The candidate should begin the university's admission process to a degree program covered by this scholarship program. For more information on the application for admission process, please go to the university's websites:

- a) [University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados](#)
- b) [University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in Jamaica](#)
- c) [University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago](#)

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

Please check the profile upon review of the program information on the University's websites as the profile differs per program.

### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program of study description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please go to the university's websites for more information.

**GRADUATE ADMISSION**

Students must have a **bachelor's degree** before applying for admission

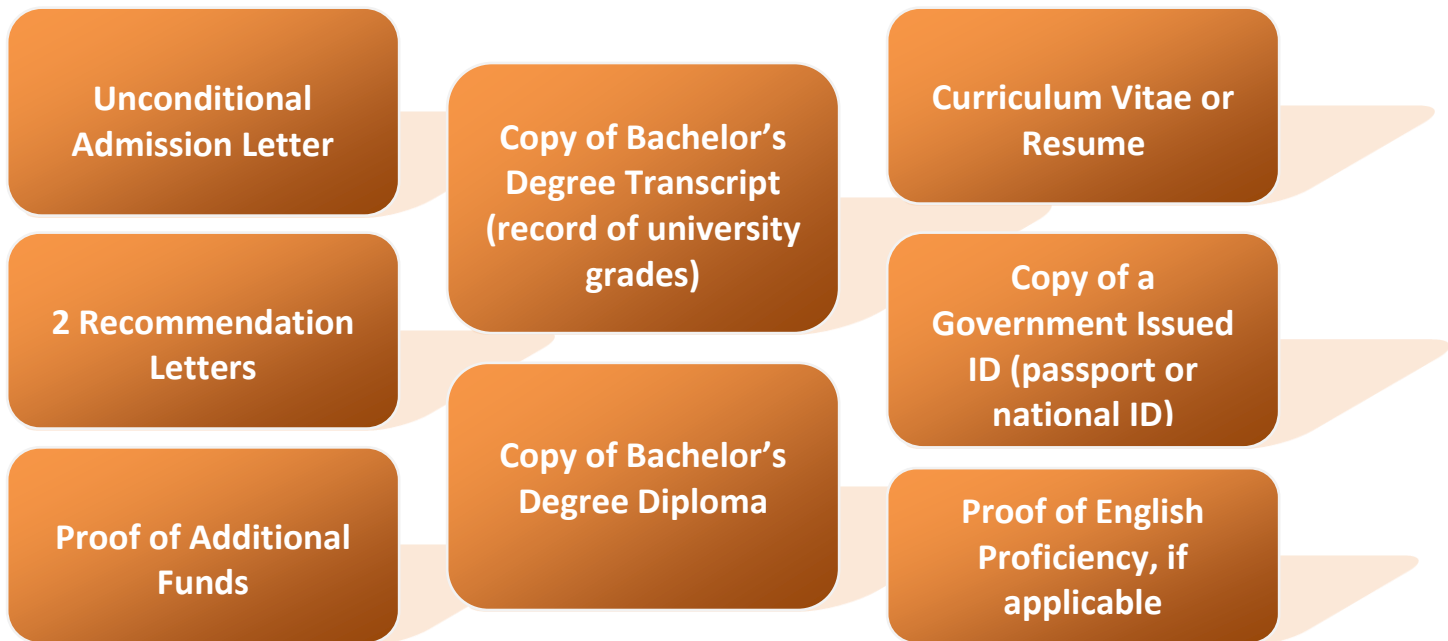
### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact Ms. Marjorie Rose-Parkes at [marjorie.roseparkes@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.roseparkes@gmail.com) 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 Online](#) through the OAS Fellowship Management System.

**You are required to upload the following documents where indicated in the online 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 documents 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 program start date.

- c) Proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by this 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 your 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.

<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**

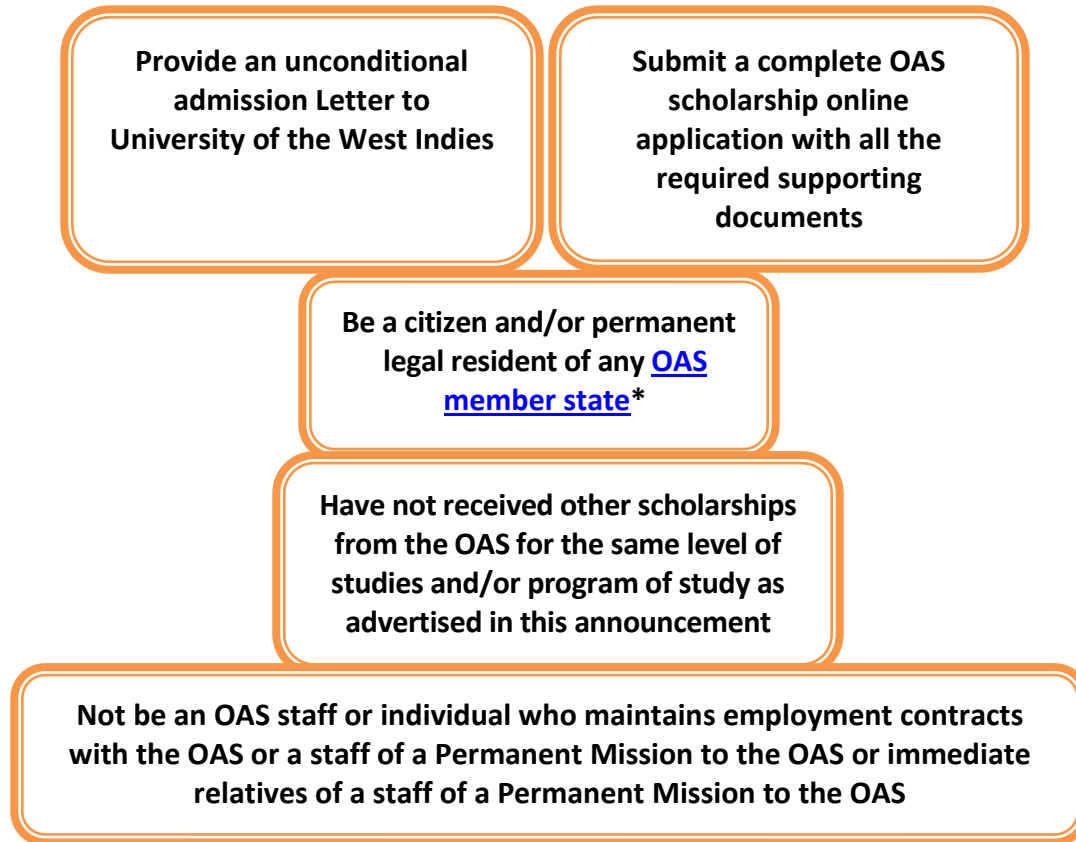
<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Please see list of programs in the Annex of this announcement
<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	The OAS and UWI will provide USD \$7,000 to cover the tuition fees.
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</b>	In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for payment of travel expenses (to and from the country of study), mandatory university fees, cost of books and study materials, health insurance, cost of living expenses, graduation expenses, visa expenses (where applicable) and any other costs not covered by the scholarship.

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 UWI.

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

## 6. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

To be considered for this OAS scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:



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## 7. Scholarship Selection Criteria

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- Gender diversity.

## 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- This scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UWI Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- 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 UWI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UWI.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees"
- e) To retain the scholarship, awardees should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program of study and/or course failure.
- f) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program of study without financial penalties. However, if a student declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and UWI may require the scholarship recipient 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 permanent 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 UWI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**APPLY NOW!**

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

## ANNEX 1

### List of the University graduate programs covered under this Scholarship Program

<b>CAVE HILL CAMPUS, BARBADOS</b>		
<b>HUMANITIES &amp; EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Study Modality</b>
Master of Arts	Caribbean Studies*  * The applicants starting in August can complete the program in 1 year. Those starting in January have 15 months.	Onsite
Master of Arts	Creative Arts	Onsite
Master of Arts	History	Onsite
Master of Arts	Heritage Studies	Onsite
Master of Arts	Education	Onsite
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>		
Master of Science	Financial and Business Economics	Onsite
Master of Science	International Trade Policy	Onsite
Master of Science	Banking & Finance	Onsite
Master of Science	Building & Construction Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Financial Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Human Resource Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Investment and Wealth Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Marketing	Onsite
Master of Science	Sport Sciences	Onsite
Master of Science	Labor & Employment Relations	Onsite
Master of Science	Investment and Wealth Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Integration Studies	Onsite
<b>INSTITUTE OF GENDER &amp; DEVELOPMENT STUDIES</b>		
Master of Science	Gender & Development Studies	Onsite
<b>SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Master of Science	Natural Resource & Environmental Management	Onsite
<b>MEDICAL SCIENCES</b>		
Master of Science	Public Health	Onsite
<b>ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS, TRINIDAD &amp; TOBAGO</b>		
<b>HUMANITIES &amp; EDUCATION</b>		
Master of Arts	History	Onsite
Master of Education	Education	Onsite
<b>SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Master of Science	Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Development	Onsite
Master of Science	Computer Sciences	Onsite
Master of Science	Mathematics	Onsite
Master of Science	Occupational & Environmental Safety & Health	Onsite
Master of Science	Statistics	Onsite
<b>FOOD &amp; AGRICULTURE</b>		
Master of Science	Agri-Food Safety & Quality Assurance	Onsite
Master of Science	Agricultural Economics	Onsite

Master of Science	Marketing and Agribusiness	Onsite
Master of Science	Tropical Crop Protection	Onsite
Master of Science	Tropical Animal Science and Production	Onsite
Master of Science	Tropical Commodity Utilization	Onsite
<b>SIR ATHUR LEWIS INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES (SALISES)</b>		
Master of Science	Development Statistics	Onsite
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>		
Master of Science	Criminology & Criminal Justice	Onsite
Master of Science	Economics	Onsite
Master of Science	Government	Onsite
Master of Science	Management Studies	Onsite
Master of Science	Social Work	Onsite
Master of Science	Sociology	Onsite
Master of Science	Tourism Development & Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Financial Economics	Onsite
<b>ENGINEERING</b>		
Master of Applied Science (MAsc) in Electrical & Computer Engineering	Communication Systems -Control Systems	Onsite
Master of Applied Science (MAsc) in Electrical & Computer Engineering	Energy Systems -Integrated Systems	Onsite
Master of Science	Chemical and Process Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Chemical and Process Engineering with Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Chemical and Process Engineering with Environmental Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Civil Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Civil with Environmental Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Coastal Zone Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Engineering Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Engineering Asset Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Environmental Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Food Science and Technology	Onsite
Master of Science	Geoinformatics	Onsite
Master of Science	Manufacturing Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Reservoir Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Petroleum Engineering	Onsite
Master of Science	Production Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Production Engineering & Management	Onsite
Master of Science	Urban and Regional Planning	Onsite
Master of Science	Water & Wastewater Services with Management	Onsite
<b>INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>		
Master of Science	Global Studies	Onsite
<b>MONA CAMPUS, JAMAICA</b>		
<b>HUMANITIES &amp; EDUCATION</b>		
Master of Arts	Heritage Studies	Onsite
Master of Arts	History	Onsite



<b>MEDICAL SCIENCES</b>		
Master of Public Health	Public Health	Onsite
<b>SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Master of Science	Medical Physics	Onsite
Master of Science	Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health	Onsite
<b>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>		
Master of Science	Taxation	Onsite
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>		
Master of Science	Development Studies	Onsite
Master of Science	National Security and Strategic Studies	Onsite
Master of Science	Tourism and Hospitality Management	Onsite