Knowledge sharing for national growth

Professional development scholarships for a variety of courses
ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS:

- The General Secretariat of the OAS (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.

The Galilee International Management Institute – Israel (GIMI) develops advanced capacity building courses for professional personnel from all over the world.

- Since its establishment in Israel in 1987, the GIMI has received a global reputation as a leading management institute.
- The GIMI was founded on the belief that all countries can advance its economies by investing in the human element - in the knowledge as well as the innovative, daring thinking of the people working in each sector of society.
- This belief followed as the GIMI witnessed the rapid economic and infrastructural development of Israel in less than seventy years since its establishment, despite the lack of natural resources. Social emphasis on education and initiative has proven to be a powerful engine of progress.
- To date more than 16,000 senior managers, administrators and planners, from over 170 countries, have graduated from the GIMI’s programs.
- The GIMI is actively concerned with sustainable progress, the GIMI’s senior management keeps in touch with its graduates, fostering cooperation and knowledge sharing, years after of participation in the GIMI courses. In turn, the GIMI’s valued alumni provide feedback that enables GIMI to continue improving and making its programs the most relevant from year to year.

Galilee Achievements and Initiatives

- Taking advantage of the position of Israel as an innovative world leader in various fields, based on knowledge development and investment in education, GIMI has a team of experts that deliver comprehensive and varied programs.
- In addition to its annual offerings, GIMI has long-term training agreements with many countries, including China, Kenya and Nigeria, by granting tuition scholarships.
- This is in line with GIMI's mission to increase its commitment to share the Israeli know-how in an effort to improve sustainable development.
- The GIMI is proud that its graduates attribute much of their success from attending GIMI programs. Among its Alumni are Government Ministers, University Vice Chancellors, State Governors and high ranking officials, both Governmental and from the NGO sector.
- Pertinent to its belief that everyone benefits by co-existence, despite the current political climate GIMI constantly works with and welcomes participants from Jordan, Egypt, Indonesia, Afghanistan and key Palestinian organizations to deliver capacity building programs to advance development.
- The GIMI views this pro-active investment, especially in regional cooperation, as key in the path to peace.
- The GIMI also participates in many projects that promote Israeli-Palestinian endeavors towards co-
SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW:

COURSES:

- Calendar of Courses
  OR
  http://www.galilcol.ac.il/images/Calendar%202018.pdf
  
  - Courses beginning from May 2018 are eligible for scholarship consideration
  - Citizens of OAS member states could register for the courses available in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

MODALITY: Onsite, Nahalal, Israel

LANGUAGE: English

DURATION: 12 – 14 Days, depending on course

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Application deadlines vary per course. Please contact GIMI for more information.

BENEFITS: 100% of tuition and fees, including study materials, are available to 500 citizens of the Americas.

COURSE REGISTRATION AT THE GIMI:

Applicants should first apply at GIMI. Eligible participants will be asked to register for the selected course through the OAS website after registration with the GIMI.

Galilee Contact Information:
Applicants can contact the GIMI International Department at info@galilcol.ac.il or visit the GIMI’s website at www.galilcol.ac.il for more information about the courses.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

To apply for through the OAS, applicants will be asked to fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach ALL required supporting documentation listed below after registering with the GIMI:

1. Copy of bachelor's degree diploma
2. Copy of bachelor's degree transcript (record of grades)
3. One (1) recommendation letter: one letter from a university professor or one from a 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 letter should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

4. Curriculum vitae or resume

5. Response to essay question: you are required to respond to the following essay question. The essay should be written in English and have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

   Essay Question: Describe how participating in this course will enhance your professional skills, and directly impact institution, community and country

6. Proof of English proficiency, if required: participants whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
   a. An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
   b. 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;
      i. The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
   c. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
   d. Other standard English proficiency certificates

7. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining local expense fee, estimated at USD 3,400 based on double occupancy and USD 4,600 based on single occupancy, and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including one, or a combination, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
   a. a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
   b. a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
   c. a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
   d. a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

8. Copy of a government issued ID (passport or national ID Card)

Please note the following:

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

➢ ALL the required documents must be combined into one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB). If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to summit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.

➢ The online application link will only be provided to applicants who have first registered with the GIMI. See registration note above.

➢ ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED
EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

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<td>✓ Neither Galilee nor OAS shall provide funds to Scholarship Recipients for any additional costs and fees, including:</td>
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<td>✓ local expenses, which is estimated at $3,400 for double occupancy (single occupancy is available for an additional fee of USD 4,600), and cover accommodation full board and refreshments, transport from and to the airport, as well as for study tours and Holy Land excursions; social coordinators on site, computer and Internet facilities, medical insurance, registration fee; visa and immigration charges (if applicable); and</td>
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Interest applicants will be able to choose between paying GIMI’s proposed local expense fee above and making their own accommodation arrangements in Israel.

- Applicants who choose to make their own accommodation arrangement in Israel will be charged 20% of the local expenses, which amount to USD 680, for registration and must provide proof of medical insurance to the GIMI.

✓ 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 costs as needed to the GIMI.

ELIGIBILITY:

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

- Applicants must have obtained a bachelor’s degree and have at least five (5) years of managerial experience related to the course selected to meet the admission requirement of the GIMI.
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- Current OAS scholarship recipients;
- GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and
- OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.
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 essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- Gender diversity.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee
The GIMI and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above, based on the applications received each month after April 2018. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published at www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates
The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- This scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed a scholarship 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.
- Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by the GIMI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at the GIMI.
- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of scholarship recipients”
- The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient 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 the GIMI 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.
- 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 GIMI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to GIMI at info@galilcol.ac.il

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.oas.org/scholarships /oasscholarships @OASscholarships