Study in the Netherlands at the International Institute of Social Studies

Master of Arts in Development Studies Scholarship

Application Deadline: June 15, 2018
ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (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 International Institute of Social Studies is a University Institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Hague. The Institute is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education, it conducts interdisciplinary research, teaches and is involved in advisory work in the field of development studies and international cooperation.

- The institute offers a PhD program, an MA in Development Studies with various specializations and a joint Master in Public Policy.
- It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment.
- The Institute is located in The Hague, known as 'The World’s Legal Capital'.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

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<th>PROGRAM:</th>
<th>Master of Arts in Development Studies with a major in the following areas:</th>
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<td>• Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies</td>
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<td>• Economics of Development</td>
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<td>• Governance and Development Policy</td>
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<td>• Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives</td>
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<td>• Social Policy for Development</td>
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<td>MODALITY:</td>
<td>Onsite in the Netherlands</td>
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<td>LANGUAGE:</td>
<td>English</td>
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<td>DURATION:</td>
<td>16 months</td>
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<td>Program admission: May 15th, 2018</td>
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<td>START DATE:</td>
<td>1 September 2018</td>
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<td>END DATE:</td>
<td>20 December 2019</td>
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<td>BENEFITS:</td>
<td>60% to 50% reduction of tuition fees to the top ranked selected candidates.</td>
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

Candidates should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program.

Student/Applicant’s profile

Detailed information about the program and profile of student’s is available through the following link: https://www.iss.nl/en/education/ma-development-studies

Admission Process:

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills expectations and interests. For information about the Institute’s application process for this Program, please visit the Institute’s website. http://www.iss.nl/prospective_students/apply_to_iss/

University Contact Information:

Applicants can contact the Admission Office at student.office@iss.nl for more information about the university’s admission process.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

➢ To apply for an OAS – ISS scholarship, applicants must fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach ALL required supporting documentation. The list of required documentation can be found through the link below.

➢ 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.

Click Here for the Online Scholarship Application Form and List of Supporting Documents

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>✓ Remaining cost of tuition fees;</td>
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<td>✓ Registration fee;</td>
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<td>✓ Immigration fees (including schengen visa);</td>
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<td>✓ Research expenses;</td>
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<td>✓ Study visit;</td>
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<td>✓ Books and study materials;</td>
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<td>✓ Health insurance premium including administration costs;</td>
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<td>✓ Living expenses;</td>
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<td>✓ Airfare; and</td>
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<td>✓ any costs not covered by the scholarship offer.</td>
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An estimate of the cost of studying at the ISS could be found here: https://www.iss.nl/en/prospective-students/fees-and-costs

✓ 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 ISS.

✓ 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.

ELIGIBILITY

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

✓ Provide an unconditional admission letter from ISS;
  - This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students at ISS who are from an OAS member state and are not an OAS-ISS scholarship recipient.

✓ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and

✓ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state.
  - Applicants from Argentina must fill out a required form through the following link; http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/nota-solicitud-dgcin-2017.doc and send it to the National Liaison Office (ONE) in Argentina.

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 ISS and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in July 2018 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:**

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/ISS 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 ISS and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at ISS.
- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- 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 and ISS may require the awardee 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 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 and/or the ISS could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject “OAS- Jackson State University Scholarship Program”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- www.oas.org/scholarships
- https://twitter.com/OASscholarships
- https://www.facebook.com/becasoea