Study at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in the Netherlands

Scholarship opportunity to pursue a Master of Science in Urban Management and Development

Scholarship Application Deadline: June 15, 2018
ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The General Secretariat of the OAS (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States.

- 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.

55 years investing in People Who Make Cities Work. The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) mission is to develop human and institutional capacities to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities.

- The IHS is an international center of excellence of the School of Economics (ESE) and the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, operating on a global scale by offering post-graduate education, training, advisory services and applied research.
- Today more people live in cities than ever before. Our urban future confronts us with great innovations and challenges.
- Cities need urban professionals who can understand, face and manage these developments to create urban futures that improve the quality of life in cities.
- IHS trains and advises these professionals on a global scale through its integrated approach in education, advisory services and research that offers practice and theory on urban management and development.

APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY’S ADMISSION INFORMATION

The final deadline for application for admission to IHS is May 1, 2018; however, to apply for this scholarship, candidates need to have received an unconditional admission offer from IHS to include in the scholarship application. Please apply for admission in a timely manner since on average it takes 4 weeks for your application to be processed and a digital admission offer is sent to you by IHS.

Student/Applicant’s profile
Detailed information about the program and profile of student’s is available through the following link: www.iloveurban.org

Admission Process:
Before applying for admission, applicants are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. For information about the Institute’s application process for this Program, please visit the Institute’s website at www.iloveurban.org.

University Contact Information:
Applicants should contact Ms. Desislava Yordanova at yordanova@ihs.nl or +31 10 408 9865 for more information about the university’s admission process.
SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

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<td>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:</td>
<td>✓ 60% tuition fees waiver and waiver of registration cost, administrative fee and study materials to the top ranked candidate. &lt;br&gt; ✓ Waiver of registration cost, administrative fee, and study materials to remaining candidates.</td>
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

- To apply for an OAS – IHS 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 submit 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

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.
EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

| FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS | In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for payment of visa/immigration fees, research expenses, health insurance, living expenses including accommodation and local transportation, airfare and any 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 IHS.

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ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to IHS
  - This scholarship opportunity is open to current students from OAS Member States at the University.
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- Current OAS scholarship holders
- GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- 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
IHS and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above.

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

Publication of Scholarship Results
The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in June/July 2018 on the OAS Scholarship website at www.oas.org/scholarships.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/IHS 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 IHS and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at IHS.
✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees.”
✓ To retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
✓ 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, IHS 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 IHS 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- IHS Scholarship Program”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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