

OAS – REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2018 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States

Study at the University for Information Science and Technology "St. Paul the Apostle" (UIST) in the Republic of Macedonia

Full Scholarship Benefits
Deadline: July 31, 2018

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▼ 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 University for Information Science and Technology "St. Paul the Apostle" \(UIST\)](#) in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia, is a higher education institution dedicated to the education of the next generation of leaders for the digital 21st century.



- UIST implements a student centered, problem-based teaching approach with continuous updates to their curriculum based on the rapid evolution in information technology research, practice and applications.
- The UIST is a modern institution that follows the latest trends in the fields of information science and technology. In order to achieve this goal, UIST offers three-year and four-year programs in information science and technology, which lead toward a “Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology” degree in the respective study fields.
- The academic staff has extensive experience in the preparation and realization of scientific-research activities, participation in renowned international conferences with research papers, and publication of research papers in international peer reviewed journals.
- In addition, a successful collaboration in international projects is being realized both in the country and abroad.
- UIST is ranked among the top five universities in the Republic of Macedonia, according to the Shanghai Jiao Tong University ranking list.
- To further promote International competitiveness among its prized students, UIST has adopted the English language as the medium of instruction.
- The objective of the establishment of the University for Information Science and Technologies “St. Paul the Apostle” Ohrid is to train highly educated cadres that will meet the demand of the labor market for creative and inventive engineers and scientists in the field of information science and technology.

Highlights of the Republic of Macedonia



Lake Ohrid

- Ohrid and Lake Ohrid are UNESCO natural and cultural heritage sites.
- Mother Theresa of Calcutta was born in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia.
- There are four national parks in Macedonia: Galichica, Mavrovo, Pelister and Jasen, which cover an area of approximately 110,000 hectares.
- The Republic of Macedonia became an official member of the United Nations Organization on April 8th, 1993. The vote was unanimous and it became the 184th member.
- Macedonia is known for its vineyards that cover approximately 74,000 acres.
- Approximately 700,000 tourists visit Macedonian lakes and mountains every year.
- More than 400,000 people visit the 22 or more Macedonian museums every year.
- Macedonia is known for its antique churches, monasteries and frescoes. Among its most famous churches are St. Sophia and the Holy Virgin of Perivleptos in Ohrid.
- Visit the CIA World Fact book for more information on the History, Geography, Government, and Economy of the Republic of Macedonia: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/mk.html>
- **Video - Macedonia Timeless:** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWGJuANELm8&feature=player_embedded
- **Video - Ohrid City of Lights:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUTa9Kx-17Q>
- General information about the City of Ohrid, the UNESCO protected city that hosts the University can be found at: <http://www.exploringmacedonia.com>, www.ohrid.com.mk, www.ohrid.gov.mk.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	<p>Undergraduate degree programs in the following programs are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Faculty of Communication Networks and Security (CNS); 2) Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE); 3) Faculty of Information Systems, Visualization, Multimedia and Animation (ISVMA); 4) Faculty of Information and Communication Science (ICS) 5) Study Program of Digital Business Informatics (DBI) 6) Faculty of Applied IT, Machine Intelligence and Robotics (AITMIR) 7) Study Program of E-Government, E-Business and E-Culture. <p>Detailed information about the programs are available here.</p>
MODALITY:	Onsite, Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	3-4 years
DEADLINES:	Scholarship Application Deadline: July 31, 2018
START DATE	September 2018
END DATE	September 2021-2022
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition fees; • Visa and resident permit fees (<i>proof of good health and immunization chart is required</i>); • Primary Healthcare Insurance; • Return air fare from the applicant's home country; • Accommodation and food (full board) at the University's dorm "Nikola Karev" in Ohrid, the Republic of Macedonia for 10 months per year, as well as for the months of July and August if the student does not return home; and • Monthly allowance of 5000 MKD (approximately \$82 Euros or \$105 USD) for 9 months per year.

▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Student/Applicant's profile:

The scholarships are available to students in OAS member states, who are **not older than 22 years old**, have good knowledge of the English language, mathematics and information technology and motivation to study in Macedonia.

- The OAS DHDEE will pre-select the candidates and submit the list of eligible candidates and the supporting documents to the Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia.
- The Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia will submit the selected candidates to the University for Information Science and Technology “St. Paul the Apostle” (UIST) for admission consideration.

Additional Information:

- We encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.
- Detailed information about the programs are available [here](#).
- Applicants must have completed their High School Education or Passed the High School State Examination or Passed the International High School Examination to be considered for admission to the UIST. Applicants who have not completed their high school education by August 31, 2018 may receive a conditional offer for admission pending their high school diploma. Successful applicants must finalise their high school studies and submit their transcript and diploma no later than September 30, 2018.
- Selected students are required to take the official diplomas for secondary / High school education with them to the Republic of Macedonia. The diplomas will be recognized upon arrival at UIST.
- Successful applicants will sign a contract with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. The contract will stipulate that the scholarship provides funds for the first academic year and subsequently for the rest of duration of the undergraduate studies, provided that the student ends the first year of studies with satisfactory success rate.

UIST contact Information:

- **UIST contact:** For questions about the undergraduate programs at the UIST, please contact: UITSinternationalstudents@gmail.com
- **Ministry of Education and Science Contact:** For all additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anastasija Trajkovska, phone: +389 (0)75 32 77 87 and e-mail: anastasija.trajkovska@mon.gov.mk

▼ ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for an OAS – MACEDONIA scholarship, applicants:

1. Must complete the OAS online scholarship application form and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation. **The list of required documentation is listed in the link below.**
 - a. **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.
 - b. **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

[Click Here for the Online Scholarship Application Form and List of Supporting Documents](#)

▼ 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 RECIPIENTS	The scholarship recipients will be responsible for all costs not mentioned above, including settlement costs for the first month in the Republic of Macedonia and any additional personal expenses beyond the 5000 MKD monthly stipend.
COMMENTS	Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient. In order to receive these benefits, the awardee should not be reported with a low academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

▼ **SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES**

- **Monthly Allowance:**
 - ✓ The monthly stipend of 5000 MKD is sufficient to cover the expenses for one student who is living in Ohrid.
 - ✓ Accommodation in a shared room; each room has 2 or 3 beds, custom furniture and restroom. The dormitory also includes kitchen facilities for students to prepare meals.

- **Local Transportation and Travel Costs:**
 - ✓ The Ministry will buy and email the roundtrip ticket. Upon arrival at the airport, an employee of the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) will meet the students.
 - ✓ The Ministry of Education and Science (MES) will provide roundtrip transportation between the airport and the dormitory.
 - ✓ Should students require additional transportation (at their own expense), the following is provided as an example of local transportation costs: one bus ticket from Ohrid to Skopje generally costs maximum 800 MKD (approximately 17 USD), and 100 MKD (approximately 2 USD) from Skopje to the Alexander the Great Airport.

- **Health Insurance:**
 - ✓ One of the main conditions for obtaining a Macedonian visa is providing a proof of health insurance from the student's country of residence.
 - ✓ The student shall be insured upon arrival in the Republic of Macedonia.
 - ✓ The health insurance should cover the following: Identifying, monitoring and checking health conditions, handling of emergencies, preventive care, therapeutic and rehabilitative care, examinations and diagnosis, handling injuries, etc.
 - ✓ Students are required to purchase complementary health insurance / international health insurance to cover benefits such as emergency evacuation, repatriation of mortal remains etc. during the scholarship period.

- **Settlement and Additional Expenses:**
 - ✓ One month after opening an account in the Republic of Macedonia the student will receive the first monthly allowance of 5000 MKD (approximately \$82 Euros or \$105 USD).
 - ✓ For international students, the tuition fees are covered by the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) of the Republic of Macedonia.
 - ✓ All other costs (e.g. library, internet, books etc.) should be covered from the monthly allowance.
 - ✓ Students are encouraged to bring sufficient personal funds to cover settlement costs for the first month in the Republic of Macedonia.

▼ **VISA INFORMATION**

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for the visa and residence permit.
- For all foreign students, Macedonian visas are free of charge.
- The Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will help students with the forms for visas and residence permits.
- After 30 days students will get Macedonian ID for foreign students.
- Please visit www.mfa.gov.mk for a list of all countries where the Republic of Macedonia has official representation.

- The students will be responsible for all costs of obtaining the visa [costs associated with acquiring documentation required for visa issuance, submitting the necessary documents (diplomas, passports, certificates etc.) postage, etc.].
- Students from some OAS member states do not need a visa to enter Macedonia. **Please see annex below.**
- Students from some OAS member states need a visa to enter Macedonia. **Please see annex below.** Students who are required to apply for a visa should send their passports and other required documents to the Embassy of Macedonia (2129 Wyoming Ave. N.W, Washington D.C. 20008, United States) in Washington D.C as soon as the admission letter is provided by the University. The visa application package to the Embassy **must include a pre-paid envelope** so that the passport could be returned by the Embassy. Please send the package via courier (DHL, UPS, etc.) so that the package to the Embassy and the returned package from the Embassy could be tracked accordingly. For more information please see this link [here](#).
- Students who are required to obtain a visa must have Macedonian visa before their arrival in Macedonia.
- Students will be required to provide evidence of health insurance in home country and travelers' insurance, valid 3 months upon arrival in Macedonia until the Ministry can provide local health insurance in Macedonia, to process the visa application.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- **Not be older than 22 years old** and who have good knowledge of the English language, mathematics and information technology and motivation to study in Macedonia.
- Proof of application for admission to an undergraduate program of UIST;
- 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.*
- No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or UIST and the PAEC OAS/UIST scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and UIST shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period.

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 Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in August 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 an OAS/UIST 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 UIST and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UIST.
- ✓ 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, the OAS and UIST 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 UIST 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-MACEDONIA Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

Annex to Announcement
OAS Member States Requiring Visa to Enter the Republic of Macedonia

No	State	Visa for entry into Republic of Macedonia
1	Antigua and Barbuda	NO
2	Argentina 8*	NO
3	Bahamas	NO
4	Barbados	NO
5	Belize 17*	YES
6	Bolivia 17*	YES
7	Brazil	NO
8	Canada	NO
9	Chile 11*	NO
10	Colombia 17*	YES
11	Costa Rica	NO
12	Dominica 17*	YES
13	Dominican Republic 17*	YES
14	Ecuador 17*	YES
15	El Salvador	NO
16	Grenada 17*	YES
17	Guatemala	NO
18	Guyana 17*	YES
19	Haiti	YES
20	Honduras	NO
21	Jamaica 17*	YES
22	Mexico 14*	NO
23	Nicaragua	NO
24	Panama	NO
25	Paraguay	NO
26	Peru	NO
27	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NO
28	Saint Lucia 17*	YES
29	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 17*	YES
30	Surinam 17*	YES
31	Trinidad and Tobago 17*	YES
32	United State of America 16*	NO
33	Uruguay	NO
34	Venezuela	NO

NB:

- I) In pursuance with the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 123, dated 2 October 2008) nationals of EU member-states and signatories to the Schengen Agreement may enter into the Republic of Macedonia presenting a valid ID issued by the relevant authorities of the member-state concerned;
- II) Any foreign national possessing a valid multi entry Schengen visa type C (valid for the entire territory of the Schengen area) may enter and stay in the Republic of Macedonia up to 15 days without having to possess a Macedonian visa. The Schengen visa needs to be valid at least 5 days longer than the stay in the Republic of Macedonia permitted on the grounds of holding a Schengen visa;
- III) Any foreign national, holder of valid travel document of a third country, who is required to have visa for entry in the Republic of Macedonia, may enter the territory of the Republic of Macedonia without having to acquire Macedonian visa, if the foreigner has a permanent residence in EU or Schengen member state;
- IV) A foreigner is obliged to leave the Republic of Macedonia: When his/her visa expires, if his/her visa is annulled, when his/her temporary residence permit expires, if s/he is deprived of his/her right to residence, if s/he is expelled from the Republic of Macedonia, or when the time limit of maximum 3 (three) months in any half-year period expires as from the date of first entry, provided there is no visa requirement for entry into the Republic of Macedonia;
- V) Holders of UN travel documents are not required visas;
- VI) Macedonian visas are issued only at diplomatic consular missions of the Republic of Macedonia abroad.

<p>1* As of 1 July 2012, nationals of the Republic of Macedonia travelling to Australia do not require a visa label in their passports. Explanation: The Australian Government does not require a person holding a valid Australian visa to have a label in their passport to travel to, enter or remain in Australia. The Australian Government issues electronic visas. All visa records are stored on a central database in Australia. When you check-in to fly to Australia, airline staff electronically confirm that you have a valid visa to travel to Australia before you board the plane. When you receive your Australian visa you are issued with a visa grant notice that explains the conditions of the visa including period of validity and entry requirements. You are advised to carry this visa grant notice for your own reference.</p>
<p>2* Visa is not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports on reciprocal basis;</p>
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<p>3* The Agreement between the Governments of the former SFRY and USSR on Mutual Travel of Citizens (of 3 October 1989) is applied to nationals of the Republic of Macedonia and to nationals of Belarus. According to this Agreement the following categories are exempt from the visa requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• holders of diplomatic and service passports and holders of regular passports covered by the “business” clause“;• for tourist and group travels organized by tourism agencies and individually with “vouchers”;• Persons presenting certified invitation to visit relatives and friends or those presenting “certified telegram” in emergencies (ceremonies, illness, etc.);• persons visiting the grave of a relative, which is be proven by a Red Cross certificate;• Persons travelling for medical examinations or consultations, who submit the referral or invitation from the health organization; <p>- On unilateral basis this Agreement is applied also for nationals of Georgia.</p>
<p>4* Visa is not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports and holders of regular passports covered by the “business” clause on reciprocal basis, as well as for holders of regular Chinese used for official purposes passports for public affairs;</p>
<p>5*</p>
<p>6* To enter Maldives no pre-arrival visa is required. A thirty day free visa is issued on arrival for all Nationalities, provided the following conditions are met: Should possess a valid passport and Have a valid ticket to continue the journey out of Maldives and Have enough funds to cover the expenses for duration of the stay in Maldives. (US\$100 + \$50 dollars per day) or a confirmation of reservation in a Tourist Resort or a Hotel;</p>
<p>7* Ireland issue short stay visas without any fees for Macedonian passports</p>
<p>8* Macedonian nationals are not required visas for stays for tourism purposes (Kenya and Argentina up to 90 days, Singapore up to 14 days)</p>
<p>9* Citizens of the Republic of Macedonia may travel and stay in Brunei Darussalam without a visa for a period not exceeding 30 days.</p>
<p>10* Nationals of the Republic of Macedonia may be issued visa at the border crossing;</p>
<p>11* Visa is required for holders of Macedonian diplomatic and service passports;</p>
<p>12* Fees are not charged for issuance of a temporary and permanent residence permit for nationals of both countries;</p>

<p>13* The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Government of the Russian Federation on Conditions of Mutual Travel of Citizens (Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia No. 119, 19 September 2008) is applied to nationals of Republic of Macedonia and to nationals of the Russian Federation. According to this Agreement):</p> <p>Visa is not required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reciprocally for holders of diplomatic and service passports • reciprocally for holders of regular passports who are in possession of <u>a temporary or permanent residence permit for stay on the territory of the other party</u> • reciprocally holders of regular passports travelling to the territory of the other country for business purposes, participation in exchange programs in the field of science, education and culture, sports events, journalism, short student stay, medical reasons, visit to relatives (up to 90 days stay on the basis of <u>invitation from the host inviting the person or inviting the legal entity specified under the national legislation of each country</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ for travels for tourism purposes (up to 30 days stay on the basis of original contract or voucher and a certificate from a travel agency or a tour operator confirming the booking of an organized trip of the foreign national.
<p>14* Macedonian citizens with valid U.S. visas may enter Mexico with the U.S. visa, and do not have to obtain a Mexican visa.</p>
<p>15* The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on Conditions of Mutual Travel of Citizens, signed on 6 February 2010 (Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia No. 77, 8 June 2010) is applied to nationals of Republic of Macedonia and to nationals of the Ukraine. According to this Agreement):</p> <p>Visa is not required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reciprocally for holders of diplomatic and service passports • reciprocally for holders of regular passports who are in possession of <u>a temporary or permanent residence permit for stay on the territory of the other party</u> • reciprocally holders of regular passports travelling to the territory of the other country for business purposes, participation in exchange programs in the field of science, education and culture, sports events, journalism, short student stay, medical reasons, visit to relatives (up to 90 days stay on the basis of <u>invitation from the host inviting the person or inviting the legal entity specified under the national legislation of each country</u>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ for travels for tourism purposes (up to 30 days stay on the basis of original contract or voucher and a certificate from a travel agency or a tour operator confirming the booking of an organized trip of the foreign national.
<p>16* Macedonian citizen can apply for visa for temporary working permit in the USA for the period of one year with possibility for extending of the visa until three years period. The conditions for granting visa for temporary work in USA, Macedonian citizen can find on the following internet page: http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis.</p>
<p>17* Any foreign national possessing a valid multi entry Schengen visa type C (valid for the entire territory of the Schengen area) may enter and stay in the Republic of Macedonia up to 15 days without having to possess a Macedonian visa. The Schengen visa needs to be valid at least 5 days longer than the stay in the Republic of Macedonia permitted on the grounds of holding a Schengen visa.</p>
<p>18* On reciprocal basis, citizens of both countries can enter with valid biometric ID card.</p>
<p>19* In pursuance with the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, citizens of the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan do not need visa to enter Macedonia for the period from 16 March 2013 until 15 March 2014. The duration of the stay in the Republic of Macedonia may not exceed (is limited to) 90 days within a six months period.</p>
<p>20* In pursuance with the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, citizens of Ukraine do not need visa to enter Macedonia for the period from 16 March 2013 until 15 March 2018. The duration of the stay in the Republic of Macedonia may not exceed (is limited to) 90 days within a six months period.</p>
<p>21* In pursuance with the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, citizens of Taiwan do not need visa to enter Macedonia for the period 1 April 2013 until 31 March 2018. The duration of the stay in the Republic of Macedonia may not exceed (is limited to) 90 days within a six months period.</p>
<p>22* In pursuance with the Decision of the President of Ukraine, citizens of the Republic of Macedonia does not need a visa for entry, transit and short stay in Ukraine for the period from 16 March 2013 to 15 March 2015. The duration of the stay in Ukraine may not exceed (is limited to) 90 days.</p>