Study at Colorado State University

2019 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States to pursue Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral Degrees
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1870 as the Colorado Agricultural College, Colorado State University (CSU) is one of the nation’s top research universities, offering a world-class education through more than 150 programs of study.

- Academic programs at CSU are among the best in the nation in quality, innovation and achievement, with internationally known programs in infectious disease, agriculture, cancer research, atmospheric science, sustainability and clean energy, and much more.
- CSU faculty tackles critical local and global issues, and provides an enriching and rewarding student learning experience that combines intellectual classroom pursuits with hands-on experience in the field and laboratory.
- CSU is located at the base of the Rocky Mountains in beautiful Fort Collins, an award winning city of about 150,000. Approximately 25,000 students study on campus, including more than 2,000 international students from 94 countries.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- Colorado State University received the nation-wide 2013 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization from NAFSA.
- Ranked #85 in Agricultural Sciences (Best Global Universities for Agricultural Sciences)
- Ranked #19 and #28 in the world in Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences (University Ranking by Academic Performance, 2014-15)
- Ranked #32 in Agriculture and forestry (QS World Rankings 2014)
- “One of the top business schools in the nation.” Businessweek, 2014
- Ranked #1 Atmospheric Science Department in the US. (National Research Council)
- Ranked #67 for “Best Engineering Schools” (U.S. News & World Report)

TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

Current OAS-CSU students shared the following statements:

- CSU has the equipment, scientific and administrative personnel, and resources to offer quality education services in a wide range of disciplines.
- With the support of the OAS-CSU scholarship, I was able to accomplish my dream of obtaining a graduate degree at this prestigious university.
- CSU is located in a beautiful town where I was able to enjoy different hobbies like hiking and skiing nearby.
- This scholarship allowed me to connect with minority groups to help them find their full potential.
- Being a graduate student at CSU has been one of the most amazing experiences in my life. I have grown personally and professionally.
- Pursuing my graduate degree at CSU has provided me with excellent tools that helped me find a great job even before graduating.
**SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

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| DURATION: | Bachelor’s – 4 to 5 years  
Master’s – 1 to 2 years  
Doctoral – 5+ years |
| CALENDAR: | **Program admission:**  
**Bachelor’s Degree Programs:**  
Fall Semester: June 1, 2019  
Spring Semester: October 1, 2019  
**Graduate Degree Programs:**  
Admission deadlines vary. Please visit the graduate school website [www.graduateschool.colostate.edu](http://www.graduateschool.colostate.edu) for more details.  
**Scholarship application:**  
Fall Semester: June 15, 2019  
Spring Semester: October 1, 2019 |
| END DATE | Varies per program of study.  
Please see [www.colostate.edu](http://www.colostate.edu), for more information. |
| SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS: | ✓ One-third of tuition;  
✓ USD $1,350 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates; and  
✓ CSU will also waive the application fee for admission. |

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

**ABOUT THE OAS**

The General Secretariat of the OAS (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](http://www.oas.org).

- Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports [OAS member States](http://www.oas.org) 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.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program. For more information on the application for admission process, please go to the CSU’s website: http://www.colostate.edu/

Student/Applicant’s profile: Please visit www.colostate.edu to understand admission requirements unique to each degree.

Admission Process: Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.

Application Fee: CSU will waive the application fee for admission to students applying for an OAS-CSU Scholarship.

University Contact Information: Applicants can contact Ms. Christy Eylar at christy.eylar@colostate.edu for more information about the university’s admission process and program details.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

➢ To apply for an OAS – CSU scholarship, applicants must have ALL required supporting documentation, which includes:
  1. ID – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
  3. Transcript or record of grades – copy of High School Transcript (for undergraduate applicants) or Bachelor's Degree transcript (for master’s applicants) or Master’s Degree Transcript (for PhD applicants). Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
  4. Certificate or Diploma – copy of High School certificate or Bachelor’s or Master’s degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution.
  5. Two (2) Recommendation Letters – one of the recommendation letters should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by 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.
      a. Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor. The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration.
b. 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.

6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays in the OAS-CSU online scholarship application form. The essays must be written in English. Both essays should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.
   a. Essay 1: Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.
   b. Essay 2: 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.

7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.

8. Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
   a. A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university or college 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 79;
   c. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

9. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining tuition and fees 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 to be received based on study leave with pay;
   d. a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

- 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 not be able 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.

**STEP 2: Apply online:**
- To apply for an OAS – CSU scholarship, applicants must complete the OAS online scholarship application form and attach ALL required supporting documentation listed above.
- After receiving the admission letter from the CSU, please email a copy of the admission letter and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email address scholarships@oas.org

- Only applicants with proof of admission to the CSU program will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.
- The scholarship application must be completed by June 15 or October 1, 2019.
EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

- Remaining tuition and/or school fees
- Immigration fees;
- Research expenses;
- Health Insurance;
- Study materials;
- Living expenses;
- Round trip airfare;
- Any other costs not mentioned.

An estimate of the cost of studying at the ISS could be found here: https://admissions.colostate.edu/cost-financial-aid/

- The tuition discount from the University shall be spread across the Falls and Springs semesters only, which is expected to increase each year as tuition increases.
- Applicants may also be eligible for larger awards available through individual departments. If applicants receive larger awards, such as full assistantships, the one-third award will not be awarded.
- The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to the CSU.
- Applicants can also apply for the Rowe Fund which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide an unconditional admission letter from CSU.
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the United States.
  - 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 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**
  CSU and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above. The names of the scholarship recipients will be published on the OAS Scholarship website at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships) in July and October 2019.

- **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.**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:**

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS-CSU 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 CSU and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at CSU.
- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- 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 and/or course failure.
- 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 CSU 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 CSU 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](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject “OAS-CSU Scholarship Program.”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships) /oasscholarships @OASscholarships