Study at Colorado State University

2019 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1870 as the Colorado Agricultural College, Colorado State University 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. In the College of Business, the Global Social and Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA was founded in 2007.

CSU and GSSE Achievements and Initiatives

- The GSSE MBA was ranked 7th in student exposure and 5th among small programs in the Aspen Institute’s Beyond Grey Pinstripes “Global 100” ranking of full-time social and environmental MBA programs.
- Net Impact’s Business as Unusual report ranked the GSSE MBA as the 2nd in “social impact” among over 100 MBA programs.
- Colorado State University received the nation-wide 2013 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization from NAFSA.
- “One of the top business schools in the nation.” Businessweek, 2014

CURRENT STUDENTS

Meet Hasina Yarde of Barbados (left) and Claudio Sala of Peru (right)

Want to study in the U.S. and earn your #MBA, and solve global social and environmental issues? Learn more about the Global Social & Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA at College of Business - Colorado State University and see why two students picked the on-campus GSSE MBA!!

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SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS: Global Social and Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA
MODALITY: Onsite in Colorado, United States
LANGUAGE: English
DURATION: 18 months

DEADLINES:
- Application for admission through the University: by April 30, 2019
- Application for scholarship through the OAS: by May 15, 2019

START DATE: August 19, 2019
END DATE: December 2020

BENEFITS:
- USD $50,000 of tuition and fees to the top ranked candidate;
- One-third of graduate tuition fee to remaining candidates;
- A one-time subsistence allowance of USD $1,350 to the top ranked candidate; and
- CSU will waive the application fee for admission.

ABOUT THE OAS

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.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Applicants 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.

Student/Applicant’s profile: In the CSU GSSE program 25-40 students are accepted into this cohort-based approach. Ideal candidates will have at least 2 years of work experience in a related field of international development, poverty alleviation, sustainability, or have demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 is required.

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. Applicant must have a bachelor’s degree.
**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. Shelby Sack at shelby.sack@colostate.edu for more information about the university’s admission process and program details.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

**STEP 1: Gather Supporting Documents:**
- To apply for an OAS – CSU/GSSE 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 Bachelor's Degree transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
  4. Certificate or Diploma – copy of Bachelor'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.
    a. 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/GSSE 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/GSSE 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 GSSE, 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 GSSE program will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.
➤ The scholarship application must be completed by May 15, 2019.

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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✓ 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 CSU.
✓ 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.
✓ Applicants could 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; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the United States.

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**
  
  CSU and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in June 2019 at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://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/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 with the subject “OAS-CSU/GSSE Scholarship Program”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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