

Study in the Netherlands at the International Institute of Social Studies

Erasmus

Scholarship
Opportunity to pursue
a Master of Arts in
Development Studies

Admission deadline: May 15, 2019
Scholarship deadline: June 1, 2019



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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 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'.

▼ ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

For eight years already the OAS and ISS joined forces to offer students from OAS member states a scholarship for the MA in Development Studies at ISS. Each year many students applied for these scholarships and we were able to help close to 30 students over the last 8 years.

▼ TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

"The OAS scholarship was a fundamental support in my project to study abroad with my whole family. Dreams do not have an expiration date" ~ Diego

"I thought I was not going to get financial funding for my studies due to my age, but fortunately, I could apply to the OAS scholarship which has no age limit requirements and then, the master's degree of my dreams came true!" ~ Jana

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAM:	Master of Arts in Development Studies with a major in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies • Economics of Development • Governance and Development Policy • Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives • Social Policy for Development
MODALITY:	Onsite in the Netherlands
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	16 months
DEADLINES:	Program admission: May 15th, 2019 Scholarship application: June 1st, 2019
START DATE:	1 September 2019
END DATE:	18 December 2020
BENEFITS:	60% to 50% reduction of tuition fees to the top ranked selected candidates.

▼ THE UNIVERSITY'S 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/

GRADUATE ADMISSION

Master's: Students must have a bachelor's degree

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

To apply for an OAS – ISS scholarship, the applicant must have ALL required supporting documentation, which includes:

1. **Government issued ID** – scan a photo of the passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from the International Institute of Social Studies.
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.
 - 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 essays in the scholarship application form. The essays should 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** – applicants 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.

Note: The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
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 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.

STEP 2: Apply online:

- ✓ After applying and receiving admission from the ISS, you will be required to complete the OAS online scholarship application form upon notification from the university and attach all required supporting documentation listed above via the OAS online system.
- ✓ **Only applicants with admission to the ISS program will be allowed to apply for OAS scholarship consideration.**
- ✓ **The scholarship application must be completed by June 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:

<p>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Remaining cost of tuition fees; ✓ Registration fee; ✓ Immigration fees (including schengen visa); ✓ Research expenses; ✓ Study visit; ✓ Books and study materials; ✓ Health insurance premium including administration costs; ✓ Living expenses; ✓ Airfare; and ✓ any costs not covered by the scholarship offer. <p>An estimate of the cost of studying at the ISS could be found here: https://www.iss.nl/en/prospective-students/fees-and-costs</p>
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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 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;
- ✓ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- ✓ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).

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 2019 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-ISS Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships



/oasscholarships



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