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OAS-AUWCL

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
COLLEGE OF LAW

LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

▼ 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.

[American University Washington College of Law](#) (AUWCL) is an institution with a unique heritage. It was founded over 120 years ago by two pioneering women - Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma Gillett - at a time when women were generally excluded from the legal profession. The Washington College of Law became the first law school in the world founded by women; the first to have a woman dean; and the first to graduate an all-female law school class.

The International Law Program of American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) is ranked #4 among all the law schools in the country according to the 2021 U.S. News & World Report! We provide our students with the critical skills and values to have an immediate impact in the Washington, D.C. region, our nation, and around the world.

[The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) was created to promote practical approaches to human rights and humanitarian law as well as to strengthen links between human rights organizations, practitioners, and educators worldwide. It offers relevant, empowering training for scholars, practitioners, and students interested in the international human rights system and laws, through its programs, partnerships, and scholarly endeavors.

In 2015, the LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (HRHL LL.M.) became the first hybrid program of its kind, offering virtual and on-residence courses in Washington, D.C. It is also the first American Bar Association (ABA) recognized LL.M. program in the U.S. available in Spanish. The HRHL LL.M. unmistakably addresses the need for specialized training in international human rights law. Students integrate practical knowledge from top experts in the Human Rights field while nourishing their professional careers, positioning the HRHL LL.M. as one of the premier programs institutions in the United States and around the world. The LL.M. brings together a prestigious group of [AUWCL and international faculty](#), including more than [40 world-renowned experts](#). These expert faculty bring their in-depth experience as presidents, and judges from international and regional courts, former presidents of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, UN special rapporteurs, members of UN human rights committees, and leaders of civil society organizations.

A multilingual (English and Spanish) program that is offered in three tracks, [traditional-in-person](#), [hybrid](#) and fully [online](#), each Fall and Spring semesters, enrolls students from over 30 countries, integrating key global voices and perspectives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LL.M in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law • LL.M. en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario
MODALITY	Onsite (English program only), hybrid or online, United States
LANGUAGE	English and Spanish
DURATION	9 – 24 months
CALENDAR	Application for Admission and scholarship deadline: August 1 , 2021
START	Classes begin: August 20, 2021
BENEFITS	50% Tuition waiver for Scholarship Recipients

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.

▼ APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

- ✓ Before applying for admission, applicants are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/hracademy/llm/> for the English program and https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives_programs/hracademy/academia/humanitario/ for the Spanish program to understand the admission requirements to the program of study.
- ✓ **Applicants must hold a Juris Doctor (JD) from a US law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) or a first degree in law from a foreign law school with equivalent standards.**
- ✓ Submit a completed [application](#) form along with [supporting documents](#) before the application deadline.
- ✓ International applicants must meet the [English Language Proficiency Requirement](#) (only for English program).
- ✓ **Spanish program does not require English proficiency**
- ✓ Applicants can contact the admissions team at llm@wcl.american.edu for more information about the university's admission process. For program details email humanrightslm@wcl.american.edu.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply for an OAS – AUWCL scholarship, applicants must fill out the OAS online Scholarship application form and provide the following documentations:
 1. **Government issued ID** – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
 2. **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from the American University Washington College of Law.
- **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.
- **Only applicants who have been admitted to AUWCL will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**
- After receiving the admission letter from AUWCL, please email a copy of the admission letter and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email at scholarships@oas.org

▼ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Remaining 50% of tuition fees;✓ Travel expenses (to and from the country of study), if applicable;✓ Mandatory university fees;✓ Cost of books and study materials;✓ Health insurance;✓ Graduation expenses;✓ Visa expenses (where applicable); and✓ any other costs or additional living and study cost not covered by the scholarship.
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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 AUWCL.
- ✓ 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 by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.
 - We are excited to share with you [The Financial Aid Guide for Studies in the U.S.](#) This booklet features a useful listing of financial aid opportunities sorted by country of residence. Check out the listing of scholarships, grants, fellowships and loans, collected by the [Rowe Fund](#) program of the Organization of American States. For over seventy years, the Rowe Fund has granted interest-free student loans for university studies in the U.S. to supplement other sources of financing.

Table of Programs

Program	Modality	Language	Duration	Total Tuition cost*	Cost to be covered by the scholar
LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	Residential, online, or hybrid	English	9-18 months	USD 50,376	USD 25,188
LL.M. en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario	Online, or hybrid	Spanish	18-24 months	USD 50,376	USD 25,188

*Price for the 2020-2021 academic credit is USD 2,099, which is expected to increase 3-5% each academic year.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to AUWCL
 - *This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students at AUWCL who are from an OAS member state, except the United States, and are not a current OAS-AUWCL scholarship recipient.*
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all the 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 AUWCL and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in August 2021 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. **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/AUWCL 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 AUWCL and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at AUWCL.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees"
- ✓ To retain the 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 of study and/or course failure.
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the recipient before the start date of the program of study without financial penalties. However, if a student declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and AUWCL 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 AUWCL could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org and humanrightslm@wcl.american.edu. with the subject "OAS-AUWCL Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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