



OAS | Scholarships

2023 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**International
Institute of
Social Studies**

➤ **Study at ISS in the Hague**

Scholarship opportunity

to pursue a Master of Arts in

Development Studies

Erasmus University Rotterdam

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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 International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment.
- Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education it does research, teaching and public service in the field of development studies and international cooperation.
- ISS located in The Hague: 'The World's Legal Capital'.
- Since 2009 ISS is part of Erasmus University Rotterdam.

▼ 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• Governance, Migration and Diversity Track
MODALITY:	Onsite in the Netherlands
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	16 months
DEADLINE:	Admission through ISS and scholarship application: April 28, 2023
START DATE:	September 4, 2023
END DATE:	December 18, 2024
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ISS shall provide a one-time tuition waiver of €4,000• The OAS shall cover a one-time tuition allowance of USD \$4,000 to the selected Scholarship Recipients to help defray the cost of tuition only in the first year of study.

▼ 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/

University Contact Information:

Applicants can contact the Admission Office at admission@iss.nl for more information about the university's admission process.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for an OAS – ISS scholarship, applicants must first be accepted to the ISS programme.

- ✓ Check the admission requirements here: <https://www.iss.nl/en/prospective-students/ma-academic-requirements>
- Apply to the programme at: <https://www.iss.nl/en/education/ma-development-studies/apply-iss>
- ✓ You application must be accompanied by:
 1. Academic transcripts including an explanation of the grading system and certified photocopies of degrees and university degrees (both original and certified translation if the language isn't English)
 2. A statement of proficiency in English
 3. Two letters of reference from persons in a position to judge the applicant's professional and/or academic abilities, at least one of these references should be provided by the most recent academic institute attended by the applicant
 4. A motivation statement -*This academic motivation statement (approximately 1000 words) which accompanies your application for one of the majors, should consist of a (short) introduction about yourself, your education and work experience. On top of that you indicate why you choose the ISS, this specific major and how it relates to your current job and what your objectives are for the future.*
- ✓ ISS will evaluate the applicants that comply with requirements to be admitted.
- ✓ Once admitted send an email to the admission office (admission@iss.nl) indicating that you want to apply for this scholarship.
- Only applicants who have been admitted to the ISS program will be allowed to apply for OAS scholarship consideration.

▼ 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

- ✓ Remaining cost of tuition fees;
- ✓ Registration fee;
- ✓ Immigration fees (including schengen visa);
- ✓ Research expenses;
- ✓ Study visit;
- ✓ Books and study materials;
- ✓ Health insurance (including administration costs);
- ✓ Living expenses;
- ✓ Local transportation;
- ✓ Round trip airfare; and
- ✓ any additional costs and fees not included in the scholarship offer.

An estimate of the cost of studying at the ISS could be found here: <https://www.iss.nl/en/prospective-students/fees-and-costs>

- ✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients.

- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipients. In order to receive these benefits, the recipient 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;
- ✓ 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.

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 motivation statement 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 recipients, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in May/June 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 scholarship recipients."
- ✓ 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 ISS may require the 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 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



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