



CALL FOR 2024 OAS - UNIVERSIDAD DEL DESARROLLO SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the Universidad del Desarrollo in Chile have decided to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following scholarships to pursue a certificate in Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Scholarship Overview

PROGRAMS:	dLab Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate
MODALITY:	Online (Chile)
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	4 months
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	Scholarship application: April 30, 2024 Open to citizens of CARICOM countries that are member states of the OAS.
BENEFITS:	the scholarship covers 100% course fee, including learning materials.

About the partner institutions

The General Secretariat of the OAS (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), the GS/OAS supports Member States in creating policies and implementing programs that promote the development of human capabilities at all educational levels. By enabling educational opportunities for citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security within the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this by: (i) supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve quality and equity in education; and (ii) helping the citizens of the Americas to develop their full potential by providing them with access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the living standards of individuals, families and communities in the region.

[Universidad del Desarrollo](#) (UDD) is a leading, private university based in Santiago, Chile with over 16,000 undergraduate students and more than 3,000 students at postgraduate level. UDD has campuses in two different cities in Chile (Santiago and Concepcion), as well as an increasing number of online programs and courses which are offered to students in Latin America and globally.

UDD has developed a complex ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship including its own in-house startup accelerator (UDD Ventures), as well as providing multiple opportunities for students to take part in formal and informal programs related to these areas. In turn, UDD is very well connected with the public and private organizations that support innovation and entrepreneurship in Chile as well as in the wider region.

iCubo is UDD's Innovation and Interdisciplinary Institute which was founded in 2010 by 3 Faculties: Engineering, Business and Design. iCubo focuses on teaching innovation at undergraduate, postgraduate and in-company level, as well as creating a groundbreaking strategy to roll out interdisciplinary learning modules, which now is a part of UDD students' core curriculum from 2021 onwards.

Benefits of participating in the Course

The Course will start online, through the UDD's online teaching platform, Canvas, from **July 2 – October 24, 2024**

The overriding theme of this course will be Sustainability/Climate Change and how innovation can be used to reduce the effects of what is happening, as well helping to prevent and mitigate this phenomenon. In this sense we will be focusing on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, namely SDG 13 which focuses on Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. The innovation projects you develop will center on this theme. We invite you to begin to read around this SDG and to begin to think of any areas of interest you might have for a group project.

During the course we will also be inviting experts in innovation to speak about their projects, as well as connecting you with the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at UDD and in Chile.

The course will be delivered 100% online via a world class Learning Management System - Canvas, used by some of the world's top universities. In addition, we will be incorporating other innovative online teaching tools and platforms in order to make your learning experience even more memorable. I wish you all the best and very much look forward to meeting you very soon.

All students who successfully complete the program will receive a formal certificate issued by the Universidad del Desarrollo.

Profile of participants:

Interested applicants must:

1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of a CARICOM member state of the OAS.
2. Have a strong interest in innovation and entrepreneurship.
3. Innovative resilience building business concepts closely linked to climate or environmental resilience is especially encouraged.

4. Have the ability to ‘think outside the box,’ exhibit critical thinking skills, and have a quest for discovery or investigative learning.
5. Demonstrative the ability to lead and inspire others.
6. Be a young professional who has developed or in the process of developing a small or medium enterprise in the Caribbean.
7. Have a strong background in business management.
8. Be proficient in English.
9. Commit to at least 4.5 hours a week to the course over a one-semester period that will consist of synchronous (live) and asynchronous content.
10. Have access to a computer with a reliable Internet connection, with appropriate video and audio functions.

Education requirements:

Have completed or in the final years of an undergraduate business management program at an accredited institution or have at least a minimum of four (4) GCE or equivalent A’ Level passes plus two years of relevant business management experience.

For more information about the UDD and the Course, please see [here](#)

Application and scholarship selection process

1. Gather supporting documents:

Applicants are required to include the following supporting documents when applying through the link below:

1. A copy of a government issued ID (Passport ID page or National ID Card).
2. A signed and dated recommendation letter from an academic advisor or business leader that informs of the leadership potential of the participant and the participant’s potential for succeeding in this Course.
3. A one-page outline of an innovative resilient building business concept that solves an identified problem or addresses a need in the market.
4. An updated CV or resume, which includes educational background and experience. Professional development training certificates and awards in innovation and entrepreneurship should also be included, if available.

Note: All supporting documents must first be combined into one PDF document before attaching in the space indicated in the online application form. Supporting documents sent via email will not be accepted.

2. Apply for scholarship consideration:

Applicants should submit a complete online application package, including all supporting documents above, to the OAS via the link no later than **April 30, 2024**.

OAS Scholarship Application link: [Organization of American States \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org)

3. Select Scholarship Recipients:

The OAS and the UDD will form a specialized committee to select the scholarship recipients. The elements that will be considered in awarding the scholarships include the following aspects:

- Geographic distribution of the candidates
- Profile, including education, project outline, recommendation.
- Applicant's potential impact on the completion of the course
- Gender distribution

A **scholarship selection committee** will pre-select participants based on the above profile.

Pre-selected participants will be contacted via email to participate in an interview with the scholarship selection committee, if necessary.

Final selected participants will be contacted via email to inform of the scholarship offer. Selected participants will be required to sign a formal OAS acceptance form.

4. Publication of OAS-The New School Scholarship Results

The publication of the results of the selected candidates will be made available at www.oas.org/scholarships by **June 2024**. OAS will contact selected applicants by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance of the scholarship. Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.

Eligibility

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

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of a CARICOM member state of the OAS.
- The following applicants are **not** eligible:
 - Current OAS Scholarship recipients and citizens and/or permanent residents of the United States.
 - GS/OAS staff and their immediate family members or GS/OAS consultants.
 - Permanent OAS staff members and their immediate family members.

Duties & responsibilities of the scholarship recipient

1. The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected scholarship recipients have signed an OAS Acceptance Form, in which the recipients formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
2. Refrain from engaging in activities that are incompatible with their status as an OAS Scholarship recipient, in accordance with the rules set forth in this Acceptance Form.
3. Comply with all academic guidelines requested by UDD and submit to any updates to those guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities of the UDD.
4. The scholarship recipient may decline the scholarship prior to the program start date without financial penalty. However, if the scholarship is declined after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and the UDD may require the scholarship recipient to repay all funds awarded under the scholarship at the time the relinquishment is processed.

Scholarship contact information

Questions regarding this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject “OAS-UDD Scholarship Program”

For more information



www.oas.org/scholarships



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