

## 2025 OAS-CMU SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) in Jamaica have come together to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following academic scholarship to assist undergraduate and graduate students.

### SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:</b>	Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management Master of Science in Industrial Systems Bachelor of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Master's - Hybrid, Jamaica Bachelor's – Onsite, Jamaica
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	2 - 4 years
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b>	<b>University admission and Scholarship consideration</b> Spring 2025; Open to current students <b>Fall 2025: by May 15, 2025</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The University shall offer a 40% discount off the tuition fee.</li> <li>The University will waive the application fee for admission and the registration fee for OAS applicants.</li> <li>OAS will provide a one-time supplementary amount of USD 2,000 to support tuition and fees during the first year of the scholarship program for scholarship recipients.</li> </ul>

The receipt of scholarship benefits is subject to the scholarship recipient's satisfactory academic performance and the funds' availability. To receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient must not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

## 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.

The Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) began its journey in 1980 as the Jamaica Maritime Training Institute (JMTI), founded through a partnership between the Governments of Jamaica and Norway. Our mission was to train Jamaican nationals to serve on the Jamaica Merchant Marine fleet and to establish a maritime culture in the country. The initial cohort consisted of 30 students, guided by five Norwegian lecturers, and set a high standard for maritime education in Jamaica.

In 1992, we evolved into the Jamaica Maritime Institute (JMI), reflecting our expanded mission to provide broader educational opportunities in the region. The introduction of the region's first Diploma in Shipping and Logistics in 1994 marked a significant achievement, enhancing our role as a leader in maritime education. Partnerships with the University of the West Indies and the University of Technology enabled us to extend our reach into the Eastern Caribbean, further solidifying our impact.

By 2001, we rebranded as the Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI) to better represent our growing influence across the Caribbean. Our commitment to excellence was recognized globally, and we were listed on the International Maritime Organization's Whitelist, affirming that our training met the highest international standards.

In 2017, we achieved another milestone by transitioning into the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU). This transformation allowed us to broaden our academic offerings, including degrees in Shipping, Logistics, Port Management, and more. Today, we are proud to be the fastest-growing tertiary institution in Jamaica, leading the way in maritime education and training, and preparing the next generation of industry leaders for the Caribbean and beyond.

## CMU'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- **1980:** Establishment of the Jamaica Maritime Training Institute (JMTI) through a joint project between the Governments of Jamaica and Norway.
- **1993:** Transformation into a statutory body under the Laws of Jamaica and renaming to Jamaica Maritime Institute (JMI).
- **1994:** Introduction of the Diploma in Shipping Logistics (DSL) programme, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).
- **2000:** Jamaica listed on the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) White-List for compliance with STCW 95, affirming the high standards of training.
- **2001:** Renamed to Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI) to reflect the expanded scope of the institution's programmes and activities.
- **2004:** CMI gained accreditation for DISL and ADISOM programmes from the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ).
- **2006:** CMI organized into three schools: School of Marine and Professional Studies, School of Academic Studies, and School of Advanced Skills.
- **2007-2016:**
  - Achieved multiple international programme accreditations.
  - Grew over 300% in student population.
  - Expanded core programme offerings.
  - Formed numerous local and international partnerships.
  - Spearheaded elite sports in tertiary education.
  - Became the fastest-growing tertiary institution in Jamaica.
  - Invested in technology to diversify education, tighten efficiency, and expand training.
- **September 28, 2017:** Attained University status and began a new chapter as the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU), expanding opportunities and possibilities.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. OAS and CMU Guide

- To be considered for an OAS-CMU PAEC Scholarship, students must be admitted or registered in one of the programs of study at CMU to start during the Spring 2025 or Fall of 2025.
- Upon admission to one of the programs of study at CMU, the applicant will automatically be considered a candidate for the OAS-CMU PAEC scholarship.
- Applicants must follow the OAS-CMU PAEC scholarship process.
- The applicant must submit all supporting documents as required for consideration.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For guidance on the scholarship program, please get in touch with [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org)

## 2. OAS-CMU Application for Admission Process

### Spring 2025:

Current students enrolled in one of the programs of study should indicate interest in being considered for the scholarship by contacting 1 (876)924-8150, email: [info@cmu.edu.jm](mailto:info@cmu.edu.jm); SM: caribbeanmaritimeuniversity

### Fall 2025

#### Student/Applicant's profile:

Please visit this [site](#) to understand the programmes, course outlines and entry requirements.

#### Application:

The applicant 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 CMU's [website](#).

#### Proof of English Proficiency:

Proof of English, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:

1. A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English-speaking university or college in the last five years;
2. 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;
3. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

## 3. Selection of OAS-CMU Scholarship Recipients

The scholarship review committee will select the scholarship recipients. The criteria that will be considered in awarding the scholarships include the following:

- Geographic distribution of the candidates, considering the most important needs of the Member States, according to the Human Development Index reported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Academic profile, merit, and academic credentials
- Applicant's potential impact on the completion of the study program
- Gender distribution

## 4. Scholarship Acceptance Process

- Selected applicants will be contacted by OAS via email which will include the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance.
- Once the candidate has accepted the scholarship offer, the scholarship recipient must contact CMU for the next steps in the process.

## 5. Publication of OAS-CMU PAEC Scholarship Results

The publication of the results of the selected candidates will be made available at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships) by **May 2025**. OAS will contact selected applicants by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance of the scholarship. Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.

### EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by this scholarship are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient:

- remaining cost of tuition and fees;
- health insurance, if applicable;
- housing and food;
- books and supplies;
- any additional fees not covered by the OAS-CMU PAEC Scholarship

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be registered for the Spring 2025 or admitted to the Fall 2025 semester at CMU;
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except *Jamaica*.

The following applicants are **not** eligible:

- Current OAS Scholarship recipients
- GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants.
- OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected scholarship recipients have signed an OAS/CMU Acceptance Form, in which the recipients officially accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- Refrain from engaging in activities that are incompatible with being an OAS Scholarship recipient, following the rules outlined in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all CMU academic guidelines and admission requirements and adhere to any updates to those guidelines and requirements made by CMU.
- Comply with the provisions of the "Financial Responsibilities of "Awardees"
- In order to retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients must not be reported with poor academic performance (GPA must be equivalent to a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale), due to absences from the program and/or failing courses.
- The scholarship recipient may decline the scholarship prior to the program start date without financial penalty. However, if the scholarship is declined after funds are awarded, the OAS and CMU may require the scholarship recipient to repay all funds awarded under the scholarship at the time the relinquishment is processed.
- Comply with immigration laws and to return to reside to his/her/their country of nationality within sixty (60) days upon completion of the Program of Study, unless he/she/they joins an international organization that serves the development of the Americas as a staff member or holds another valid visa status.

## SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) under the title "OAS-CMU Scholarship Program."



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