



Professional Development Scholarships Program

International Law Course¹

OAS/DHDEE/PDSP/CIR.017/2017

Course Requirements:

- Must have academic degree in law or international relations
- Participant profile: Professional experience in the field of international law and international relations; not be older than 40 as of the start of the Course; be proposed by a government agency, an institute of higher education, or a public or private institution directly concerned with international law and international relations;
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of an [OAS Member State](#). The candidates who are not living in their home country, must send a copy of their visa. Please contact your respective National Liaison Office-ONE-, to verify the deadline to submit applications established by your country. The list of the ONE's can be found at: [ONE](#).

Institution offering the course: Inter-American Juridical Committee and Department of International Law, Secretariat for Legal Affairs
Coordinator: Jaime Moreno-Valle
Dates of the course: July 31 – August 18
Modality: Onsite
Duration of the course: 3 weeks
Language of instruction: English, Spanish, Portuguese (no interpretation will be provided)
Benefits: For successful candidates: OAS The OAS defrays coach-class return air fare between the awardee's place of residence and Rio de Janeiro ² . Funds for terminal and in-transit expenses are NOT provided. While the OAS provides health and accident insurance for the duration of the Course, it is important to note that in the event of any incident occurring in Rio de Janeiro that may require assistance, the awardee will have to pay out of pocket for all expenses incurred and then apply for reimbursement thereof under the terms of the insurance policy.

¹ The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS") reserves the right to cancel this scholarship announcement at any time. Moreover, the OAS, GS/OAS, and its personnel are not liable for any actions taken in reliance on or otherwise based upon information in this announcement.

² The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment will defray up to \$ 1,333.00 in round trip air fares to the study site.



A subsistence payment of US\$650.00 will be made to successful candidates, except for those who reside in the Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area.

Responsibilities of the Awardees:

Upon their selection, candidates must notify the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) of their willingness to make use of the scholarship during the stated period.

Scholarship Acceptance Form: Shortly after their selection, applicants will receive a "Scholarship Acceptance Form" from the DHDEE. This form must be completed, signed and returned promptly to the DHDEE, which will only then proceed to arrange for the purchase of the coach-class return air ticket between the country of origin and/or residence and the Course venue.

Cost of subsistence: The total subsistence cost in Rio de Janeiro for each awardee is estimated at approximately US\$3,000.00 (as of February 1, 2017), although this may vary according to each individual's needs. Each participant will be required to defray the balance of approximately US\$2,350.00. (These figures may have to be adjusted by August 2017)

It will be incumbent upon each awardee to do what is necessary to obtain in a timely manner the visa(s) she or he will require to enter Brazil and any transit country (if applicable). The OAS will not defray any immigration or visa-related expenses.

Date of arrival in Rio de Janeiro: Students shall be responsible for arriving at the Course venue in time to attend the inauguration on the date set forth above.

Accommodations: Awardees shall be responsible for arranging their own lodging. The Coordinator will provide a list of hotels offering discounts for students of the Course, as well as the names and contact data of other students, should they wish to share accommodation.

Unforeseen Circumstances: If a selected applicant accepts the scholarship but is later prevented from fulfilling its terms for compelling reasons, she or he must immediately notify the Department of International Law and the DHDEE, so that they may decide what steps to take and make the necessary arrangements.

If a selected applicant declines the scholarship without due authorization from the DHDEE, after the air ticket has been bought, fails to travel on the dates and routes established, or to attend the classes, he or she shall be responsible for defraying the cost of the air fare and for any further cost incurred as follows:

An awardee that does not travel on the dates established, or changes the itinerary after the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has bought the ticket, shall be responsible for paying any difference in the air fare needed to arrive in time for the start of the Course.

An awardee shall reimburse the total cost of the return ticket from his or her country of residence to Brazil if, after the ticket has been purchased, he or she declines the scholarship without due authorization in writing from the DHDEE. This shall include any additional expenditure incurred by the GS/OAS, including but not limited to extra lodging expenses during travel by the awardee from his or her country of origin to Brazil.



An awardee must reimburse the total cost of all benefits received, including but not limited to the return air fare from/to his or her country of residence and Brazil, subsistence and other allowances, if she or he does not satisfy the minimum attendance requirement for obtaining the Certificate of Attendance (see below), except for events of *force majeure* duly and promptly notified to the Course coordinators.

Certification: A Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to those students who attend at least 90 percent of the classes and pass two exams held over the three weeks of the Course.

A Pass Certificate may be issued for students who submit a paper on one of the topics discussed during the Course, within three months of the end thereof, after first submitting a hypothesis and work plan for approval as provided in the guidelines that will be distributed in a timely manner.

Objectives:

Generally: To contribute to the dissemination of International Law in the region.

Specifically: To strengthen the capacity of attorneys of the Americas through study, discussion, and information regarding recent developments in public and private international law.

Course Contents:

Curricular Structure: The coursework will focus on subjects from a broad range of topics pertaining to international law, and their impact on human rights, international relations and trade.

Teaching Methodology:

There will be two classes in the morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and one in the afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, although this schedule may vary depending on the final schedule.

Weekly written examinations will be held to ensure that students are benefiting from the classes.

[Online Application](#)

OAS will only accept complete applications. If you do not upload all the required documents, your application will be considered ineligible.

IMPORTANT

- If you were awarded an OAS Professional Development Scholarship in the past twelve (12) months or if you currently hold an OAS Scholarship for Academic Studies, you are NOT eligible to apply for another Professional Development Scholarship.



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- These scholarships are subject to the availability of funds corresponding to the Scholarships Capital Fund of the OAS for the year 2017.