



Professional Development Scholarship Program

Introduction to the Rule of Law¹

OAS/DHDEE/PDSP/CIR.001/2017

Course Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree required, LLM or JD preferred
- Participant profile: This course is designed for government policy-makers and regulators; executives and managers of telecommunications companies subject to existing or proposed governmental regulations; and government and private sector attorneys who advise them.
- English proficiency. To be considered for admission, scores must be submitted from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Exceptions may be made for applicants who hold a degree from a university located in a country in which English is the official language and also the language of instruction at the university. The minimum scores for admission consideration are:
 1. Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0
 2. TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based test.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of an [OAS Member State](#) with the exception of those residing in the United States of America as it is the host country. The candidates who are not living in their home country, must send a copy of their visa. *US citizens who are not living in the United States can participate in the course, after consulting with their respective [ONE](#).
- In addition to the OAS online application, applicants must also submit a formal application through the USTTI. Applications may be filed through USTTI's web site:
<http://ustti.org/courses/apply.php>

Institution offering the course: 1150 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 702, Washington, DC 20036
Coordinator: Jim O'Connor
Dates of the course: March 28 – April 4
Modalidad: Onsite
Duration of the course: One week
Language of instruction: English
Benefits: For successful candidates:

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OAS/PDSP will cover round trip economy class air ticket from country of origin or residence to the United States of America². Funds for terminal and in-transit expenses are NOT provided.

USTTI will provide: a) a stipend of \$400.00 to offset hotel and living expenses; b) waiving the \$150.00 administrative fee; c) Health insurance with international coverage for the duration of the course in Washington DC which includes emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and emergency medical meetings.

Responsibilities of the scholarship recipients:

Based on shared accommodations and an arrival date of Monday, March 27th, 2017 and departure date of Wednesday April 5, 2017 the additional amount needed for this course is USD\$ 768.00 as the total estimated hotel and living expenses amount to USD\$1168.00 and there is a USTTI stipend of USD\$ 400.00 Please be advised that this corresponds to:

- Hotel estimate = USD \$738.00
- Living expenses = USD \$360.00 (The living expenses are calculated based on US \$40.00 per day and an additional USD \$70.00 for ground transportation (to and from the airport).)

If single accommodations are requested, an additional amount of USD\$738.00 will be required.

Certification: Upon Completion participants are provided with a USTTI graduation certificate of Completion

Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the goals and concerns of national policy-makers and regulators in regard to their countries' respective telecommunications needs in today's telecommunications environment.
2. Examine the role of the Rule of Law and the advantages and disadvantages of various regulatory practices, procedures, and approaches in use or under consideration in the United States and elsewhere.
3. Identify effective "best practices" that can be adapted by regulators in a variety of settings to achieve favorable policy and regulatory outcomes for telecommunications users and service providers alike.

Course Contents:

Curricular Structure: This course is intended to expose participants to ideas and approaches that can lead to the development of best practices in telecommunication regulation suitable to a variety of settings and circumstances. With an introduction to the concept of the Rule of Law and its role in telecommunications regulation as a starting point, the course sessions will present a variety of

² The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment will defray up to \$ 1,350.00 in round trip air fares between member states



regulatory models, procedures, and practices and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each. Course sessions will focus not only on the perspectives of telecommunications regulators, but also will feature presentations in which investors in telecommunications infrastructure, providers of telecommunications services, and consumers who use and rely upon those services will share their views.

The rapid changes in the field of telecommunications have prompted both regulators around the world and the entities they regulate to examine the effectiveness of regulatory structures, practices, and procedures governing today's telecommunications marketplace. This course is intended to expose participants to ideas and approaches that can lead to the development of best practices in telecommunication regulation suitable to a variety of settings and circumstances. With an introduction to the concept of the Rule of Law and its role in telecommunications regulation as a starting point, the course sessions will present a variety of regulatory models, procedures, and practices and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each. Course sessions will focus not only on the perspectives of telecommunications regulators, but also will feature presentations in which investors in telecommunications infrastructure, providers of telecommunications services, and consumers who use and rely upon those services will share their views. The course will include on-site visits to several U.S. federal agencies and organizations.

Teaching methodology:

The program will be conducted through a series of lectures, site-visits and group discussions.

[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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