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## Professional Development Scholarship Program

### Telecom/ICT Policy and Regulation<sup>1</sup>



OAS/DHDEE/PDSP/CIR.002/2017

#### Course Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree required, LLM or JD preferred
- Participant profile: Regulatory, planning and management officials who are responsible for communications policy determination
- 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:** July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Modality:** Onsite

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**Duration of the course:** One week

**Language of instruction:** English

**Benefits:** For successful candidates:

**OAS/PDSP** will cover round trip economy class air ticket from country of origin or residence to the United States of America<sup>2</sup>. 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 Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and departure date of Saturday July 29, 2017 the additional amount needed for this course is USD\$ 402.00 as the total estimated hotel and living expenses amount to USD\$802.00 and there is a USTTI stipend of USD\$ 400.00 Please be advised that this corresponds to:

- Hotel estimate = USD \$492.00
- Living expenses = USD \$310.00 (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\$492.00 will be required.

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

**Objective:**

To understand the changing regulatory philosophy of the United States as we participate in the dynamic worldwide telecommunications environment, including development of the necessary considerations that need to be given in responding to those changes; and (2) to develop, with high-level regulatory managers from developing nations, methods of grappling with privatization and other related deregulatory issues in managing their organizations in an effective, efficient market-driven manner.

**Course Contents:**

**Curricular Structure:** This course, taught by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Bureau-level policy managers, offers executive-level telecommunications policy personnel a broad overview of telecommunications policy-making considerations in a dynamic and competitive environment. With the rapidly changing regulatory environment predominant in so many countries, regulatory bodies are confronted with new challenges as they attempt to assimilate modern telecommunications technology.

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



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The course describes the US regulatory structure including the legislative authority, the FCC organizational structure and an outline of the regulatory philosophy affecting the major services. The changing regulatory structure, which reflects current technological developments, and influences the need for competition and privatization, as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, is presented. Discussion of the FCC decision-making process, a site visit to the headquarters of Intelsat Corporation in McLean, Virginia, and a roundtable discussion concerning the changing global telecommunication environment, with class members, government, and industry representatives as participants, will be included to enhance the learning process.

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