

## ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), offers scholarships to citizens and permanent residents of the OAS member states, providing a vital investment in human capital through its Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP).

Professional Development Courses aim to expand or refresh participants' professional expertise in specialized areas related to the [priority development areas](#) of the [OAS member states](#):

1. Education.
2. Social Development and Creation of Productive Employment.
3. Economic Diversification and Integration, Trade Liberalization and Market Access.
4. Scientific Development and Exchange and Transfer of Technology.
5. Strengthening of Democratic Institutions.
6. Sustainable Development of Tourism.
7. Sustainable Development and the Environment.
8. Culture.

PDSP scholarships are offered through cost sharing partnerships with OAS member states, OAS permanent observer states, regional and international organizations, public and private agencies, philanthropic and commercial institutions, institutes of higher learning, or in coordination with other areas of the GS/OAS.

### Course announcements:

Each year, the DHDEE publishes a list of all the Courses available for scholarship awards, and a detailed announcement of each course. The announcement will contain all the pertinent information, such as the content and duration of the course, the offering institution, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and benefits.

### Eligibility:

- Citizens or permanent residents of [OAS member states](#).
- Candidates who meet the requirements indicated in the course announcement.
- Candidates must be proficient in the course's language of instruction.
- No scholarships will be awarded to citizens or permanent residents in the country that is sponsoring the course.

### Modalities:

- Onsite
- Online
- Blended

**Benefits:**

The benefits offered by PDSP vary according to the type of scholarship. Not all scholarships include the same benefits, as these are allocated depending on the type of course:

- Tuition.
- Round trip airfare.
- Health insurance.
- Room and board.
- Local transportation.

**Application deadline:**

*The application deadline differs from country to country and should therefore be confirmed with [National Liaison Agency \(ONE\)](#) in the applicant's country of origin or permanent residency.*

Applications should be presented sufficiently in advance with all the required documentation to the [ONE](#) of the candidate's country of origin or permanent residency.

The OAS will announce the selection results to the [ONE's](#) and National Offices of the OAS member states.

In addition, the OAS will publish on its [website](#) the list of scholarship recipients for each of the Courses.