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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **dLab Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate**

**Offered by the Universidad del Desarrollo of Chile**



**With funding support from the OAS – Government of Chile Scholarship and Training Project for CARICOM Countries**

## ▼ THE UNIVERSIDAD DEL DESARROLLO'S DLAB GLOBAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CERTIFICATE COURSE

The OAS is pleased to announce a call for applications for citizens of CARICOM for a dLab Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship certificate course offered by the Universidad del Desarrollo (UDD) of Chile.

UDD has developed a complex ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship including its own in-house startup accelerator (UDD Ventures). The dLab Program was developed by the UDD, together with the Stanford Technology Ventures Program (STVP), based at Stanford University, which is consistently ranked N°1 in the world in terms of innovation. The dLab Global Program, which is based on an award winning innovation methodology and taught to over 600 students since 2011, is a one-semester long program offered online by one of Chile's leading universities, the Universidad del Desarrollo. The Program will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2021 and to date has developed over 150 innovation projects.

## ▼ BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSE

**Scholarship Benefit:** the scholarship covers 100% course fee, including learning materials.

**Course Dates:** the Course will start online, through the UDD's online teaching platform, Canvas, from August 17 – December 18, 2020.

We are looking for highly enthusiastic participants with a proven interest in innovation. As well as learning the "how," participants will:

- Obtain knowledge and skills in an exclusive, custom-made innovation certificate, based on iCubo's award winning dLab Program.
- Experience a design-thinking course with a mix of innovation methodology and project based learning.
- Develop their own innovation project around a central theme, as part of an interdisciplinary, multinational team.
- Take on board fresh ideas and ways of working.
- Be guided by specialist mentors.
- Interact with Chile's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem as well as UDD students enrolled in these types of programs.

All students who successfully complete the program will receive a formal certificate issued by the Universidad del Desarrollo.

## ▼ PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Interested applicants must:

1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of a CARICOM member state of the OAS.
2. Have a strong interest in innovation and entrepreneurship.
3. Innovative resilience building business concepts closely linked to climate or environmental resilience is especially encouraged.
4. Have the ability to 'think outside the box,' exhibit critical thinking skills, and have a quest for discovery or investigative learning.
5. Demonstrative the ability to lead and inspire others.
6. Be a young professional who has developed or in the process of developing a small or medium enterprise in the Caribbean.

7. Have a strong background in business management.
8. Be proficient in English.
9. Commit to at least 4.5 hours a week to the course over a one-semester period that will consist of synchronous (live) and asynchronous content.
10. Have access to a computer with a reliable Internet connection, with appropriate video and audio functions.

### **Education requirements**

Have completed or in the final years of an undergraduate business management program at an accredited institution or have at least a minimum of four (4) GCE or equivalent A' Level passes plus two years of relevant business management experience.

## **▼ APPLICATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION PROCESS**

### **STEP 1: Gathering Supporting Documents**

Applicants are required to include the following supporting documents when applying through the link below:

1. A copy of a Government issued ID (Passport ID page or National ID Card).
2. A signed and dated recommendation letter from an academic advisor or business leader that informs of the leadership potential of the participant and the participant's potential for succeeding in this Course.
3. A one-page outline of an innovative resilient building business concept that solves an identified problem or addresses a need in the market.
4. An updated CV or resume, which includes educational background and experience. Professional development training certificates and awards in innovation and entrepreneurship should also be included, if available.

*Note: All supporting documents must first be combined into one PDF document before attaching in the space indicated in the online application form. Supporting documents sent via email will not be accepted.*

### **STEP 2: Applying for Scholarship Consideration**

Applicants should submit a complete online application package, including all supporting documents above, to the OAS via the link **no later than August 5, 2020**.

**Application link:** <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1097&Type=4&Lang=Eng>

### **STEP 3: Selecting Scholarship Recipients**

A **scholarship selection committee** will pre-select participants based on the above profile.

**Pre-selected participants** will be contacted via email to participate in an interview with the scholarship selection committee.

**Final selected participants** will be contacted via email to inform of the scholarship offer. Selected participants will be required to sign a formal OAS acceptance form. The final list of participants will be published on the OAS scholarship website in August 2020.

## ▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected participants have signed an OAS/Chile Project Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, clauses such as:

- Scholarship Recipient may not fail to start the Course or drop-out of the Course after receiving the Scholarship benefit, absent compelling and unforeseeable reasons, and shall give written notice and submit supporting proof to the OAS of such reasons immediately upon them being foreseen by, or becoming known to, the Scholarship Recipient. Whether a reason is sufficiently compelling shall be left to the discretion of OAS.
- In the event that OAS concludes that no compelling reasons were present, Scholarship Recipient shall directly reimburse the OAS for the scholarship received pursuant to the Scholarship. Failure to do so will result in the Scholarship Recipient being barred from any future consideration for OAS or UDD scholarships, and shall constitute grounds for the OAS to pursue legal remedies.
- Scholarship Recipient is required to complete the Course according to the standards of the University.

## ▼ THE OAS-GOVERNMENT OF CHILE SCHOLARSHIP AND TRAINING PROJECT FOR CARICOM COUNTRIES

The OAS – Government of Chile Scholarship and Training Project for CARICOM Countries supports the strengthening of CARICOM's capabilities through courses, certified training programs and diplomas in the areas of disaster risk management, climate resilience, and other areas in response to the emerging needs of CARICOM due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about this opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject “OAS-Chile-UDD Scholarship Program.”