

WKU OAS SCHOLARSHIP

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\$11,000

TO STUDY IN THE U.S.

FALL APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2020



WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate Degree programs as listed in the Annex I below
MODALITY:	Onsite in Kentucky, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	1 - 4 years
CALENDAR:	<p>The university's admission deadline Fall 2021: Rolling admission, however, priority deadline is June 1, 2021</p> <p>Scholarship application: Fall 2021: Rolling application, however, priority deadline is June 15, 2021</p> <p>Classes begin: Fall – August 16, 2021</p>
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unlimited scholarship offers to citizens of OAS member states.• Special tuition waivers for citizens of OAS member states, which includes up to USD \$11,400 of the total tuition costs each year of the program of study.

- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY – ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- Western Kentucky University (WKU) is home to many highly ranked and nationally recognized academic programs such as Business/Management, Journalism and Broadcasting, Engineering, Computer Science, Social Sciences, and Math, including an award-winning speech and debate team.
- In addition to the top academic programs, WKU is also home to competitive Division I Athletic teams including tennis, basketball, soccer, and football.
- More than 18,000 students grace WKU's campus, including students from over 60 countries.
- WKU is one of four nationally recognized Safe Communities America by the National Safety Council and is ranked as one of the most beautiful southern campuses by U.S. News.
- Centrally located and easily accessible to many major U.S. cities, WKU is known for the southern hospitality and charm that Kentucky has to offer.
- Bowling Green, Kentucky (home to WKU) is ranked one of the top 10 U.S. college towns, and Kentucky is known worldwide for its Bourbon and Kentucky Thoroughbred horse racing.
- All cultural background and beliefs, have a welcoming home at WKU.
- Learn more about WKU, take an online virtual tour, and schedule time to video chat with a current international student at www.wku.edu/international.

FEATURE OF CURRENT STUDENT

“One of the things that motivated me to come here was the multicultural element of WKU. When I came here, I found people from Kuwait, China, Japan, Denmark and beyond. I was so amazed. I could learn about other cultures and share my culture with others.” ~ Gabriela

Want to know about this Program from a current student? Here is a feature article that was done on Gabriela “Gabby” Vargas Berroa from Arequipa, Peru, a 2018 OAS/WKU Scholarship Recipient: <https://international.blog.wku.edu/2019/02/01/the-great-gabby/>

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

- Applicants are encouraged to contact WKU International Recruitment and Admissions team for more information, please go to the WKU’s website: <https://www.wku.edu/international/>
- Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit: <https://www.wku.edu/undergradcatalog/> to understand admission requirements to the programs of study.
- Applicants are encouraged to review the WKU admission requirements before applying: <https://www.wku.edu/international/intlreq.php>
- Applicants can contact applyinternational@wku.edu for more information about the university’s admission process and program details.

▼ ABOUT THE OAS

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports [OAS member States](#) in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development at all educational levels. By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region.

▼ OAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply for an OAS – WKU scholarship, applicants must register with the OAS by providing the following documents:
 1. ID – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
 2. Admission letter – unconditional admission letter from WKU.
- After receiving the admission letter from WKU, please email a copy of the admission letter and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email at scholarships@oas.org
- **ALL** documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will not be able to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.
- **Only applicants with proof of admission to WKU will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**
- Questions related to the OAS scholarship application form, should be sent to scholarships@oas.org

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Remaining tuition and/or school fees;✓ Immigration fees;✓ Research expenses;✓ Study materials;✓ Living expenses;✓ Round trip airfare; and✓ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-WKU Scholarship offer.
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The tuition discount from the University applied to the Fall and Spring semesters [excludes Summer and Winter terms] only and is based on the 2021/2022 year, which is expected to increase each year as tuition increases.

- ✓ The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to WKU.
- ✓ Scholarship is renewable for students who make solid academic progress.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#), which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.
 - We are excited to share with you [The Financial Aid Guide for Studies in the U.S.](#) This booklet features a useful listing of financial aid opportunities sorted by country of residence. Check out the listing of scholarships, grants, fellowships and loans, collected by the [Rowe Fund](#) program of the Organization of American States. For over seventy years, the Rowe Fund has granted interest-free student loans for university studies in the U.S. to supplement other sources of financing.
 - Given the steady increase in the cost of higher education, international students require a combination of strategies to finance their U.S. studies. We trust this Financial Aid [Guide](#) for U.S. studies is a good start of your search for funding.
- ✓ Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship may qualify to receive additional funding from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program:
 - Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may only pursue the programs listed as priority areas for the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program.
 - Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who do not apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may pursue any of the programs of study included in the OAS-WKU Scholarship announcement.
 - Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who receive scholarship funds from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program, must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to Western Kentucky University
 - *This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students at WKU who are from an OAS member state, except the United States, and are not a current OAS-WKU scholarship recipient.*
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except the *United States*.
 - *Applicants from **Argentina** must fill out a required form through the following link; <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and send it to the [National Liaison Office \(ONE\)](#) in Argentina.*

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

- ✓ The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- ✓ Applicants who portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

- Selection Committee** Western Kentucky University and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in August 2021 at www.oas.org/scholarships.
- Notification of selected candidates** The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/WKU Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- ✓ Scholarship recipients will be admitted to the Western Kentucky University's International Pathway to Academic Success (IPAS). IPAS is an exclusive and supportive student centered program in which qualified students earn credit toward their degree in a small class setting with WKU professors that are well versed in teaching international students. Students are in IPAS for one semester and will move on upon successful completion of one semester in good standing. Students are permitted to opt in the IPAS for an additional semester (total of 2 semesters) if they wish. IPAS does not delay graduation.
- ✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by WKU and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at WKU.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should maintain strong academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 2.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and WKU may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the WKU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org subject "OAS-Western Kentucky University Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships



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ANNEX I: List of Programs

Accounting	Health Information Management
Advertising	Health Sciences
Agriculture	History
Anthropology	Hospitality Management and Dietetics
Architectural Science	Industrial Education
Art History	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
Biochemistry	Interior Design and Fashion
Biology	International Affairs
Broadcasting	International Business
Business and Marketing Education	Journalism
Business Data Analytics	Management
Business Economics	Marketing
Chemistry	Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Chemistry (Teacher Education)	Mathematical Economics
Civil Engineering	Mathematics
Communication Disorders	Mechanical Engineering
Communication Studies	Meteorology
Computer Science	Military Leadership
Corporate and Organizational Communication	Music Organizational Leadership
Criminology	Performing Arts
Dental Hygiene	Philosophy
Diversity and Community Studies	Photojournalism
Earth Science	Physics
Economics	Political Science
Electrical Engineering	Psychological Science
Elementary Education	Psychology
English for Secondary Teachers	Public Health
Entrepreneurship	Public Relations
Environmental Health Science	Recreation Administration
Family and Consumer Sciences	Science and Mathematics Education
Film	Social Studies
Finance	Social Work
Geographic Information Science	Sociology
Geography and Environmental	Special Education
Geology	Theatre
Health Care Administration	Visual Arts