



The General Secretariat of <u>The Organization of American States</u> (GS/OAS) and Soluciones Integrales de Formación y Gestión (<u>STRUCTURALIA</u>) have decided to support outstanding individuals of the Americas with the sponsorship of 100% of the cost of the premium subscription plan of STRUCTURALIA's online course platform, IKLOX.

SUMMARY OF THE OAS-IKLOX PROGRAM

COURSES:	•Short-term post-graduate courses	
	See complete areas in table on page 6	
MODALITY:	◆Online (remote)	
LANGUAGE:	◆English and Spanish	
DURATION:	◆Short-term courses that can be taken for a 1-year period.	
BENEFITS:	◆OAS-STRUCTURALIA will cover 100% of the IKLOX Premium plan for	
	year.	

IMPORTANT DATES:	
FINAL DATE TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION	◆By March 31, 2023 (Extended)
ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS	◆April 2023
CLASSES START DATE	◆April 30, 2023
SCHOLARSHIP DURATION	◆April 30, 2023 – January 31, 2024





ABOUT OAS AND STRUCTURALIA INITIATIVES

Structuralia is the global leader academy of specialized education in the fields of engineering, infrastructures, and energy. From 2001, more than 85,000 professionals have enrolled in one of its high-skilled training programs, advance programs, and masters with university qualifications. STRUCTURALIA promotes more than 250 specialized courses, which are part of a catalogue of more than 22,000 academic hours, and incorporate interactivity, virtual simulation, 3D developing, and audiovisual content. It also counts with a faculty of authors and professors of more than 400 professional experts in each of the disciplines they teach.

STRUCTURALIA promotes its post-graduate courses with the collaboration of outstanding universities and institutions in each field and collaborates with national and international experts of each discipline for the development of the educational content and for mentoring. STRUCTURALIA is also a pioneer since it promotes the incorporation of interactive methodological tools and multimedia into its educational programs and investigates today's educational projects through mobile devices and television. It currently counts with 75 Online Educational Centers established with its technology and services. STRUCTURALIA has an international presence in Spain, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Central America. Also, it keeps collaboration agreements with prestigious institutions in Latin American countries. In the Latin American territory, STRUCTURALIA imparts, through online classes, more than 150 courses in many editions throughout the year in more than 50 countries.

• COURSE REVIEWS BY STUDENTS / QUALITY ASSESSMENT

- More than 150.000 training hours have been completed by students until November 2022.
- The average rating on the platform is 3,74/4.
- The documents provided during the course have been rated an average of 3,71/4.
- The audiovisual material provided during the courses has been rated an average of 3,56 / 4.



96.9% of students recommend the course they have completed.



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.

We are proud of the achievements accomplished with the OEA-Structuralia IKLOX initiative short courses for postgraduates. The OAS and Structuralia implemented an Initiative that has benefitted over 900 citizens. The program offered through the OAS-Structuralia partnership offered over 600 post-graduate professional development courses.





Testimonials IKLOX-OAS students



Célida Matute, Venezuela

"For me, having access to Structuralia-Iklox was an opening to a new world. The wide range of options it offers, its user-friendly platform, the good-quality supporting material and highly experienced teachers, have made this experience deeply enriching. The truth is that I never thought that getting trained in BigData, BI and Agile Methodologies in a single year was even possible."

Patrick Parris. Barbados

"First let me say a big thank you to all who made it possible for me to have the opportunity to learn. I found that the courses is of great quality because the modules are part of masters programmes. I was able to complete the equivilant to a complete masters, with this quality course work i have gain quality education and have started to execute what I was taught."



Javier Armando Mencias Bedoya. Bolivia



"The IKLOX platform has a user-friendly and dynamic web environment that helps you approach your studies at an adequate pace in concordance with current professional demands. The professionals in charge of each course show deep knowledge of their respective disciplines, as well as an adequate use of key information and up-to-date literature. Indeed, all of the above makes the platform an example of professional education vanguard in the 21st century."

Kermint Madariaga Torres . Peru.

"I must say that Structuralia offers really good-quality courses. I have done over 50 different courses related to my professional career, and they have all contributed to the improvement of my skills and overall competencies. Continuous training has helped me position myself in prestigious industries in the field of integrated projects and systems, thus achieving a management-oriented profile."



Marisol Tejeda. Mexico

"I am grateful to the Organization of American States (OAS) and Structuralia for granting me the IKLOX-OAS scholarship, because thanks to it, I have the opportunity to access 100% enriching, dynamic and innovative courses that will help me continue with both my professional and personal development."



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Benefits:

The scholarship will cover **100% of IKLOX premium subscription plan** that provides access to <u>IKLOX</u>, the largest digital platform of interactive engineering content.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Applicants who can qualify for the scholarship are all who are interested and poses a nationality and/or legal and permanent residency of any of the <u>OAS Member States</u> of the GS/OAS;
- ✓ Have a university degree in the field of engineering or architecture (which must also be attached when registering on the platform) or have professional experience and creditable knowledge in any of these areas.

Please note!

- Current OAS scholarships recipients are not eligible for this scholarship opportunity.
- Officials of the OAS, people who are under contracts for results with the OAS, the staff of the Permanent Missions to the OAS, the representatives of the Parties involved in the process are prohibited from applying to the Scholarship. Of evaluation and selection of the Scholars, and the relatives of all the aforementioned persons, "Family member" should be understood as the husband or wife, son or daughter, stepson or stepdaughter, father or mother, stepfather or stepmother, brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, father-in-law or mother-in-law, son-in-law or daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

Evaluation criteria and selection:

- Academic profile, merit, and academic credentials;
- The scholar potential impact with the completion of the courses, and;
- Geographic distribution of the scholars, considering the most important needs of the Member States, according to the Human Development Index reported in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



Courses Table:

The OAS-IKLOX Scholarship Program offers a subscription for one year to the Premium Plan of the IKLOX platform, which includes more than 100 English courses in the areas described below:

COURSE SUBJECTS			
Water (engineering, infrastructure, management, etc.)	Industry		
Architecture, buildings, and urban development	Civil engineering and structures		
Big Data	Environment		
Railways (Design, construction, exploitation, maintenance)	Quality regulations, compliance, and risk prevention		
Finances	New technologies		
Electric power generation and transport (distribution)	Smart cities and smart infrastructures		
Management Project and contract management	Software		

Master's Degree Notice

Many of the courses included in STRUCTURALIA IKLOX are part of STRUCTURALIA master's programs. In IKLOX, the Scholar will be able to see which master's degree belongs to each course and the complete master's program. In this way, the Scholar will be able to complete additional courses that he/she can subsequently validate academically to obtain a master's degree.

The OEA-IKLOX Program Fellow who wishes to enroll in any of the Structuralia master's degrees must comply with the reasonable procedures and requirements established by STRUCTURALIA to process their enrollment and eventual validation. STRUCTURALIA undertakes to offer OEA-IKLOX Program Fellows a 50% discount on the cost of tuition regardless of the modules passed in IKLOX that may validate academically in each master's degree. You may find the Master Programs available in:

Structuralia Master Degrees

The master's degrees in which the Scholar enrolls, in addition to the STRUCTURALIA qualification, include the accreditation one of Structuralia's partnering universities. Only in the case of the Universitat Politécnica Catalunya (UPC), the student will have to pay 250 euros for processing the academic record with UPC.



The Scholar will be responsible for assuming all the other costs required to attend the academic program and that are not included in the Scholarship, such as subsistence costs, licenses software, academic services (for example, issuance of certificates or certificates, admission exams, graduation services, degree issuance, legalization of documents, etc.), as well as any other expenses incurred by the Scholar and that are not listed in this announcement.

Successful registration for the courses offered under the OEA-IKLOX Program does not guarantee subsequent admission to a master's program.

About University degrees and Official Degrees:

In most countries, universities offer its degrees, which are designed by their institution and endorsed by their reputation. In Spain, there are official programs and university programs. The official programs include the endorsement of the university that gives the degree and the State's recognition. On the other hand, university degrees are ensured by the recognition of the university or educational center that gives the degree, and its recognition is more oriented to contribute to the development of the student's professional career. These degrees are more aligned with the current demand of the market, which is why it provides specialized training for professional development and a more immediate knowledge update. Official degrees are regulated by the National Agency of Quality Education and Accreditation (ANECA for its Spanish acronym). The Structuralia's degrees are University Programs.

To know more about the implication of these different degrees, and the type approval and validation required in OAS member states, you are encouraged to consult directly with your Ministry/Department of Education or any other public entity in your country.

OAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

Step 1

- Before registering, we recommend applicants to read the complete courses of choice to assure they correspond to expectations.
- To apply for an OAS-STRUCTURALIA scholarship, please enter in http://oeaiklox.structuralia.com and follow the registration process. Finale date for apply for admission March 31, 2023
- By successful registration, the applicant will be automatically considered as a candidate for an OAS-STRUCTURALIA scholarship.

Registration for Structuralia's Courses





Step 2

STRUCTURALIA, along with OAS, will select of the candidates considering the following:

- Geographical distribution of the candidates, considering the Member States' most important needs, in accordance with the Human Development Index.
- The academic profile, merit and academic credentials
- The potential impact of the applicant in the finalizations of the courses

OAS-STRUCTURALIA Scholars Selection



Step 3

The applicants must wait for the announcement of the results of the candidate's evaluation and selection process, which will be announced on the following website: www.oea.org/becas

Announcement of Results OAS- STRUCTURALIA



Step 4

- Only the selected candidates will be contacted by GS/OAS via email with the scholarship offer and the instruction on accepting the offer. Applicants that have not been contacted by the GS/OAS by April 30 may assume they have not been selected
- Once the candidate accepts the scholarship, the scholar must contact STRUCTURALIA to start the courses.

Scholarship's Acceptance Process and Classes Initiation





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For any queries about the courses, please send an email to the following email or visit the following website:

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IMPORTANT INFO

- A. These scholarships are full, so they are free for the Scholars.
- B. The scholars will be responsible for the coverage of any expense not covered (for example, certificate print, graduation services, document legalization, etc.)
- C. Neither OAS nor Structuralia take any responsibility for the acceptance or refusal of the educational entity's certificates, within the scholarship recipient's country of origin. If you would like to know how to legalize, certify, or validate the Structuralia certificate in your country, we recommend you ask for information in your country's Ministry of Education or the corresponding Public Entity.

For more information, contact **Scholarships@oas.org**