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OAS – WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States



Scholarship Application Deadlines

Fall 2017 - July 25, 2017

Spring 2018 - November 15, 2017

The General Secretariat of the [Organization of American States](#) (GS/OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) of Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), and the [Western Kentucky University](#) (WKU), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its undergraduate programs.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate Degree programs as listed in the Annex I below	
MODALITY:	Onsite or online in Kentucky, United States	
LANGUAGE:	English	
DURATION:	1 - 4 years	
CALENDAR:	The university's admission deadline Fall 2017: July 1, 2017 Spring 2018: November 1, 2017 Classes begin: Fall - August 21, 2017	OAS Scholarship application deadline Fall 2017: July 25, 2017 Spring 2018: November 15, 2017 Classes begin: Spring - January 22, 2018
	<u>ONSITE PROGRAMS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The University shall cover USD \$11,400 of the total tuition costs each year of the program of study. USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of living expenses. 	<u>ONLINE PROGRAMS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition in the first year of the study.
BENEFITS:		

▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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.

[Western Kentucky University](#) (WKU) is in the midst of a transformation - physical, intellectual, cultural and economic – and is becoming A Leading American University with International Reach. Whether in a neighboring community or in a distant country, WKU faculty and students are engaged in relevant applied research that provides solutions to real problems. WKU is home to many highly ranked and nationally-recognized academic programs. More than 20,000 students grace its campuses in Bowling Green, Glasgow, Owensboro and the Elizabethtown area.

▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

1. Applicants are encouraged to contact the WKU International Enrollment Management for more information, please go to the WKU’s website: <https://www.wku.edu/international/>
2. 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/undergraduatecatalog/> to understand admission requirements to the programs of study.
3. Applicants can contact Ms. Ashley Givan at ashley.givan@wku.edu for more information about the university’s admission process and program details.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

PROGRAMS:	Onsite Undergraduate Degree Programs as listed in Annex I	Online Undergraduate Degree Programs as listed in Annex 1
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University shall cover USD \$11,400 of the total tuition costs each year of the program of study. • USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of living. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD \$1,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition in the first year of the studies.

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

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

PROGRAMS	Onsite Undergraduate Degree Programs as listed in Annex I	Online Undergraduate Degree Programs as listed in Annex 1
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Remaining tuition and/or school fees of US\$ 14,040; ⊗ Immigration fees; ⊗ Research expenses; ⊗ Study materials; ⊗ Living expenses (estimated at \$10,350); ⊗ Round trip airfare; and ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-WKU Scholarship offer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ WKU shall charge USD \$12,240 for tuition costs of each of the programs. ⊗ Distance Learning Course fee: \$510.00 per credit hour; ⊗ Books and Study Materials: \$600; and ⊗ Any additional fees not included in OAS-WKU Scholarship offer.

- ✓ The tuition discount from the University shall be spread across the Fall and Spring semesters only and is based on the 2017/2018 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.
- ✓ 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 US.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to Western Kentucky University
- 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*.

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;
- ✓ Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- ✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 Gather supporting documents

To apply for an OAS – WKU scholarship, the candidate must fill out the OAS online application form and attach the following supporting documentation:

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 to Western Kentucky University.
3. [Transcript](#) or record of grades – copy of High School transcript or Associate’s degree transcript or transcript from current institution. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
4. Certificate or Diploma – copy of high school certificate or Associate’s degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution
5. 2 Recommendation Letters – one of the [recommendation letters](#) should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor’s/Employer’s position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
 - ✓ Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor.
6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays as part of the OAS-WKU online application form and must be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages.

Essay No. 1

Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.

Essay No. 2

Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.

7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
8. Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
 - ✓ A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
 - ✓ A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89;
 - ✓ IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
9. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including **one, or a combination**, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
 - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
 - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
 - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
 - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

NOTES:

- ✓ All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.
- ✓ The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
- ✓ 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 US by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.
- ✓ The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

Step 2 > Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the OAS-WKU Online scholarship Application Form, and upload all the required documents listed above and both essays in one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB). If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable 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 above.

[Click here for the Online Scholarship Application Form](#)

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

- Selection Committee** Western Kentucky University and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published 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.
- ✓ 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 not have low 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 with the subject "OAS-Western Kentucky University Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

ANNEX I: List of Programs

Onsite 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

Online Programs

1. Criminology
2. Computer Information Technology
3. Family & Consumer Sciences, Child Studies
4. Family & Consumer Sciences, Family Studies
5. Health Care Administration
6. Health Sciences
7. Interdisciplinary Studies
8. Organizational Leadership
9. Sociology
10. Systems Management
11. Technology Management