



OAS – UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the program below.

PROGRAMS:	Graduate Professional Diploma Programme (GPD) in Sanitation and Sanitary Engineering
MODALITY:	Online, The Netherlands
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	15 – 18 months
DEADLINES:	Program admission: June 1st, 2017 Scholarship application: June 15th, 2017
START DATE	September 1st, 2017
END DATE	October, 2019
BENEFITS:	75% of the tuition fee

1. ABOUT THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

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.

2. ABOUT THE UNESCO-IHE INSTITUTE FOR WATER EDUCATION

The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education was established in 2003. It carries out research, education and capacity development activities in water related fields. The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education is the largest water education facility in the world, and the only institution in the UN system authorized to confer accredited M.Sc. degrees, and provides PhD education in collaboration with partner universities. The UNESCO-IHE

Institute for Water Education is based in and operates from Delft, the Netherlands, and facilitates all UNESCO member states.

3. APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION

Applicants should begin the admission process to the graduate diploma program first before applying for this Scholarship opportunity.

Student/Applicant's profile:

The program is intended for practicing sanitation sector professionals, or for those who have aspirations to work in the sector.

Admission Process:

For information about the UNESCO-IHE's application process for the online courses of the GPDP, please visit the UNESCO-IHE's website <https://www.unesco-ihe.org/graduate-professional-diploma-programme> or contact UNESCO-IHE at onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org

The following documents are necessary to obtain admission to the program:

- a) Participants must comply with the education and examination regulations of the GPDP set by UNESCO-IHE.
- b) The minimum requirement to obtain a GPDP diploma is to collect at least 20 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits. The table below describes the online courses offered by UNESCO-IHE as part of the GPDP and their respective number of ECTS credits. Participants have to select among three clusters of courses leading to three different tracks:
 - I. Sanitation Track (S): 15 ECTS credits from sanitation online courses must be obtained + 5 ECTS credits from any other online courses listed below.
 - II. Sanitary Engineering Track (SE): 15 ECTS credits from sanitary engineering online courses + 5 ECTS credits from any other online courses listed below.
 - III. All Round/Generalist Track (M): 10 ECTS credits from sanitation online courses + 10 ECTS credits from sanitary engineering courses.
- c) The number of online courses required to collect the 20 ECTS credits required to obtain the diploma ranges between four and five online courses. Each online course is offered only once a year. A detailed schedule showing the starting date of the online courses can be found at <https://www.unesco-ihe.org/online-courses>.

Table 1 - List of online courses available within the Graduate Professional Diploma Programme

ONLINE COURSE NAME	ECTS	FOCUS		
		S	SE	M
Biological Wastewater Treatment: Principles, Modelling and Design	6		•	•
Solid Waste Management	5	•		•
Ecological Sanitation	5	•		•
Industrial Resource Management and Cleaner Production	5		•	•
Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment	6		•	•
Urban Drainage and Sewerage	5		•	•
Industrial Effluent Treatment	5		•	•

Modelling Sanitation Systems	5		•	•
Faecal Sludge Management	5	•		•
Grey Water Management, Treatment and Use	3	•		•
Problem Based Learning in Sanitation (S/SE)*		•	•	•
Urban Flood Management & Disaster Risk Mitigation (SE)*		•	•	•
Experimental Methods in Wastewater Treatment (SE)*		•	•	•
Urban Water Systems*			•	•
Governance of Decentralized Sanitation*		•		•

* New GPDP course currently under development - more information on this course will be available soon

ECTS: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System;
S: Sanitation; **SE:** Sanitary Engineering; **M:** S and SE mixed track

- d) Academic admission to the program may be granted to applicants who provide evidence of having a university bachelor's degree in an appropriate field of study for the program (such as civil, environmental, (bio) chemical engineering), awarded by a university of recognized standing.
- e) Academic admission to the program will be granted on the basis of a decision taken by the Academic Registrar, upon advice of the program coordinator.
- f) Students will be registered to one of the three program tracks described in the table above.
- g) Selection of modules for each individual student will be decided upon after the decision and agreement with the program coordinator.
- h) Applicants will be registered as a student in the program. Payment of the required tuition fees will be issued per course.

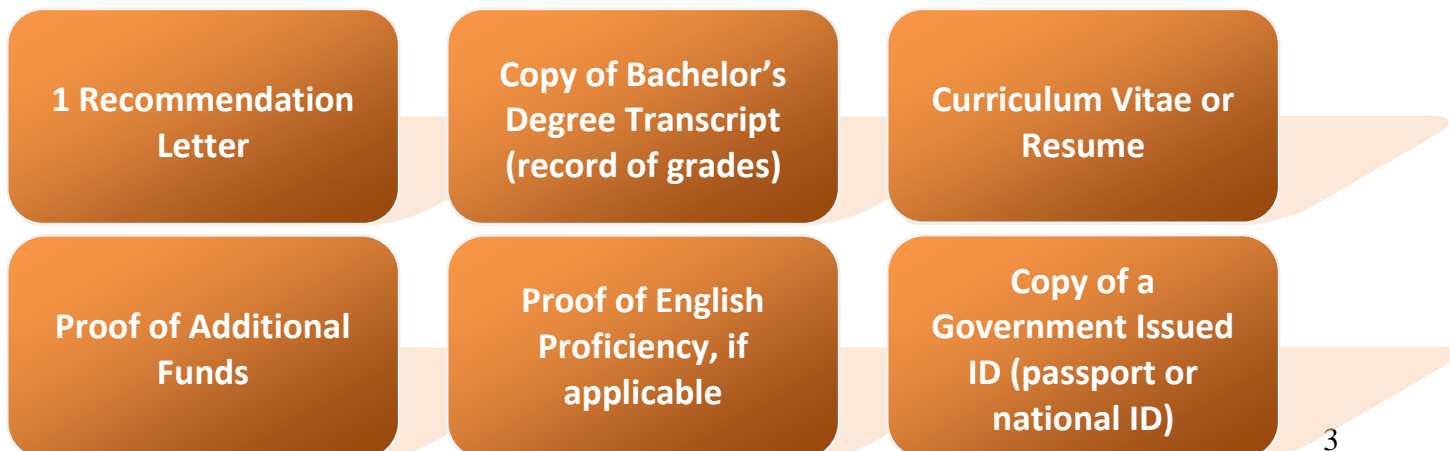
University Contact Information:

For more specific questions about the GPDP or the particular online courses please contact onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a **Scholarship application** online through the OAS Fellowship Management System (FMS).

You are required to upload the following documents where indicated in the online application form. Please note that all supporting documents must first be combined into ONE PDF document before it can be uploaded in the application form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded, hence the aforementioned request. Please be guided accordingly



Please note the following:

- a) All documents must be in English or official translated to English.
- b) Students whose native language is not **English** will be required to submit **one** of the following as proof of English proficiency:
- 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; OR
 - IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent

NOTE: The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed program start date.

- c) Proof that you have **sufficient funds** (estimated at USD \$2,000) 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.
- d) One of the **letters of recommendation** should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by your 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.

NOTE: 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.

- e) You are required to write and include **two essays** in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

<p style="text-align: center;">Essay 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Essay 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
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OAS Contact Information:

For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Jennifer Hoogdorp at jhoogdorp@oas.org.

5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PROGRAMS:	Graduate Professional Diploma Programme (GPDP) in Sanitation and Sanitary Engineering. For more information on the program please visit: https://www.unesco-ihe.org/graduate-professional-diploma-programme
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	75% of the tuition fees.
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS	In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for books and study materials and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to the university.

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 a low academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

6. **SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

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

Provide an unconditional admission letter to the program

Submit a complete scholarship online application with all supporting documents

Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).

Have not received other scholarship from the OAS for the same level of studies and/or program of study as advertised in this announcement

Not be an OAS staff or individual who maintains employment contracts with the OAS or a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS or immediate relatives of a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS

7. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- b) Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- c) Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- d) Gender diversity.

8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT:

- a) The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UNESCO-IHE Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- b) Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- c) Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UNESCO-IHE and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UNESCO-IHE.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) To retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- f) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee 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 UNESCO-IHE 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.
- g) Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent 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 UNESCO-IHE could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

APPLY NOW!

For more information: www.oas.org/scholarships