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**UCI**  
Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional

## OAS - University for International Cooperation 2017 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and (DHDEE) and the University for International Cooperation in Costa Rica (UCI) through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the following Master's degree program.

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| <b>PROGRAMS:</b>  | Master's degree in Project Management  |
| <b>MODALITY:</b>  | Online   |
| <b>LANGUAGE:</b>  | English  |
| <b>DURATION:</b>  | 20 months, approximately   |
| <b>DEADLINES:</b> | Program admission application: <b>January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b><br>Scholarship application: <b>February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017</b> |
| <b>START DATE</b> | <b>March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>   |
| <b>END DATE</b>   | <b>November 2018</b>   |
| <b>BENEFITS:</b>  | 30% to 90% waiver of the tuition fees  |

### 1. ABOUT The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the OAS. Through its 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 University for International Cooperation

Twenty years of excellence make the University for International Cooperation (UCI) the perfect choice for project management training. The UCI is the first university in the region to be accredited by the Global Accreditation Center (GAC) from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI). Through UCI's training and guidance, more than 2000 graduates in 40 countries around the world are making better projects for a better future. The Global School of Project Management at the University for International Cooperation is committed to bringing world-class faculty, innovative online training, and real-world experience together to shape the professionals that will manage the projects that are shaping our future.

### **3. APPLICATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION**

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

#### **Student/Applicant's profile**

The program is intended for professionals from all disciplines and sectors, from all over the world, who already hold a bachelor's university degree, and who are seeking to develop core competencies and creative thinking skills to successfully implement projects, while leading multidisciplinary teams and delivering positive results in today's complex multicultural environment. Whether the participant is new to projects, or is already a certified PMP, this program is the perfect "next step" for those who want to incorporate the benefits and skills from an integral Project Management training in their professional profile.

#### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests<sup>1</sup>. For more information on the program please visit: (<http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas-uci-scholarship/>). To apply for admission, please fill out the admission form at (<http://www.uci.ac.cr/admisiones-y-registro/informacion/>). When filling out the form, in "PLEASE SELECT THE PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING FOR" section, make sure to choose the "MPM (English-Online-OAS UCI Scholarship)" option.

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

- a) Copy of university degree diploma.
- b) Copy of passport with at least six-month validity.
- c) Recent and clear digital front photograph taken on a white background (approx. size 3.5 x 4.5 cm).
- d) Copy of certificate of completion of studies, including official transcripts with information regarding courses, dates of approval, credits, and grades; and/or any other proof of awarded credits.
- e) If necessary, GSPM may ask a letter from the academic institution that issued your diploma, stating the equivalency of one credit. This equivalency must clearly indicate the total hours per credit, including both class hours and self-study hours. To download an example of this letter, click [here](#).
- f) UCI admitted students will be required to present a hard copy of the university degree diploma, and a hard copy of the passport with at least six-month validity, authenticated by notary public and apostilled, and officially translated (if the originals are not in Spanish), no later than 60 days after the program start date.

#### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants should contact the Global Admissions Office at [info@uci.ac.cr](mailto:info@uci.ac.cr) for more information on the program. Please make sure to write in subject: "OAS UCI Scholarship"

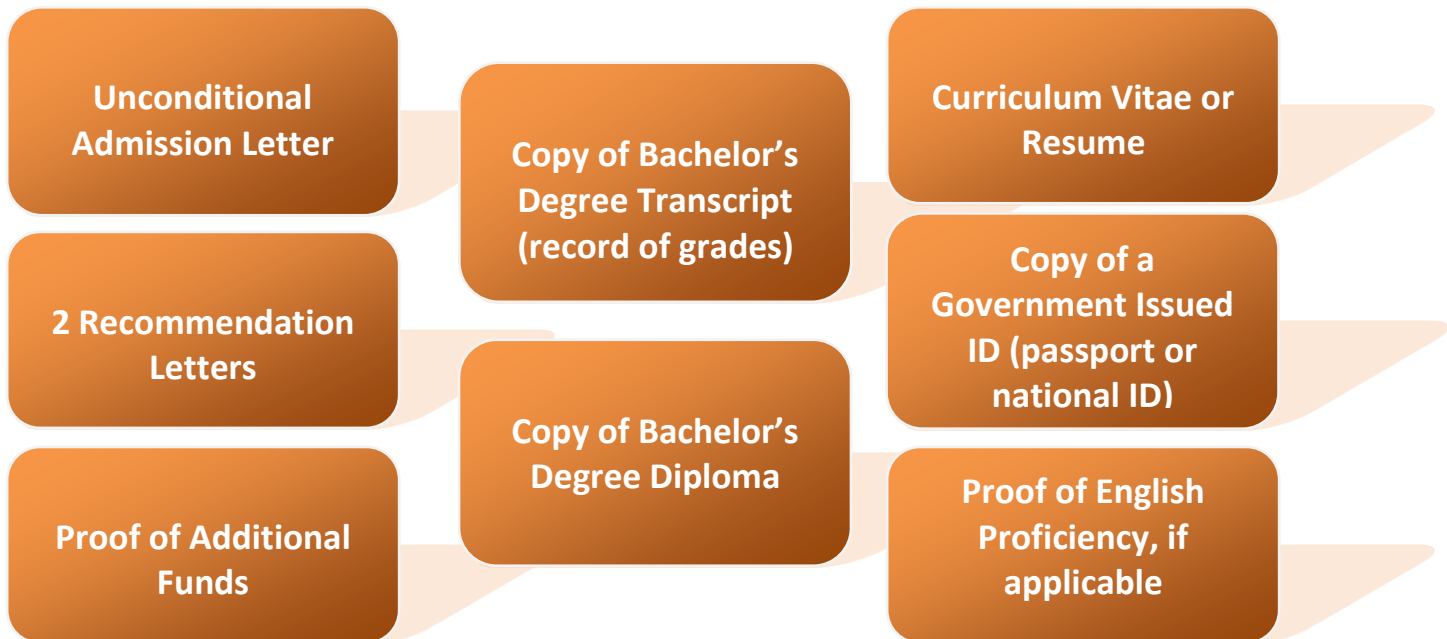
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<sup>1</sup> Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of degree or diploma awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.

## 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 550 or higher for the paper based test, 215 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 90;
  - IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent

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

- c) 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.

- 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.

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| <p><b>Essay 1</b></p> <p>Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.</p> | <p><b>Essay 2</b></p> <p>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](mailto:jhoogdorp@oas.org).

**5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

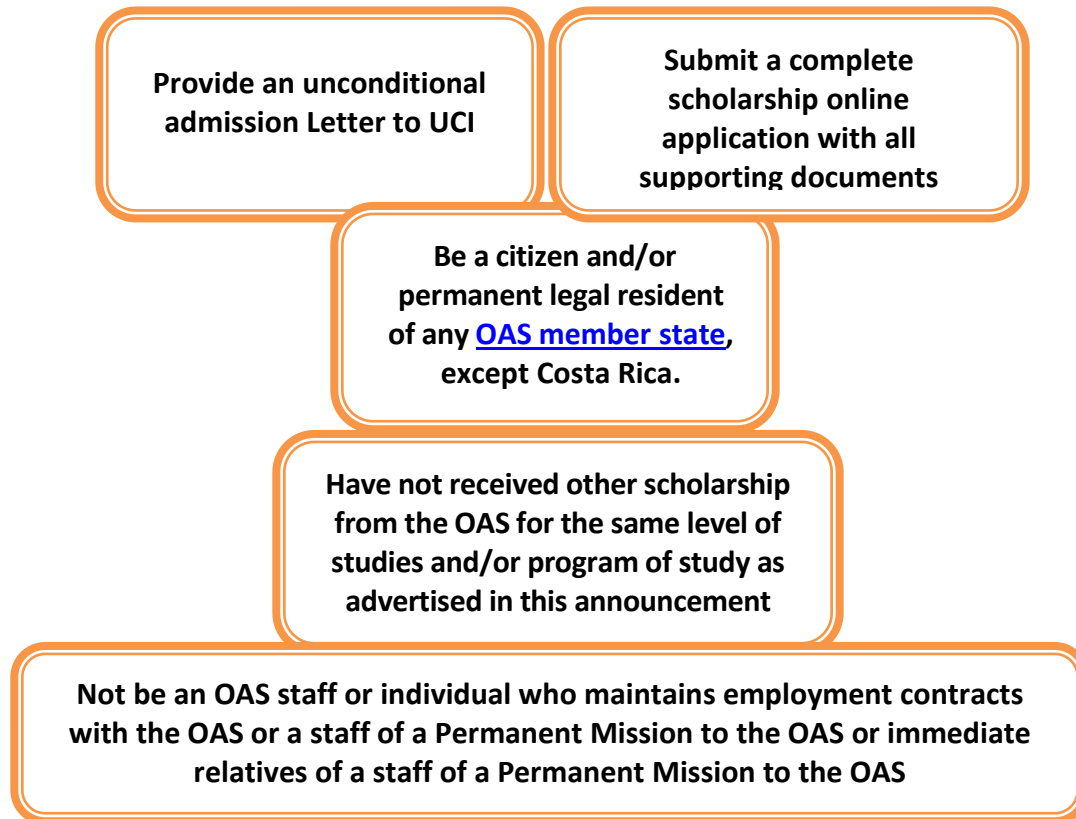
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| <b>PROGRAMS</b>  | Master in Project Management. For more information on the program please visit: : <a href="http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas-uci-scholarship/">http://www.uci.ac.cr/master-in-project-management-oas-uci-scholarship/</a>       |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>                                | 30%, 50%, or 90% of the tuition fees  |
| <b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS</b> | The scholarship recipients will be responsible for the remaining tuition, fees and study materials.   |
| <b>COMMENTS</b>  | 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. |

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 UCI.

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.

## **6. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

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



## **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/UCI 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 UCI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UCI.
- 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 scholarship recipients 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 UCI may require the scholarship recipients 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 country of origin 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 UCI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**APPLY NOW!**

**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**