



Organization of
American States

**2013 OAS Scholarship Opportunities under the
OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training
For academic studies at
The University of Manchester's Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the University of Manchester's Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS) are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the Masters by Research, MPhil or PhD programs within the EPS.

About the Organization of American States (OAS) and the University of Manchester's Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States¹

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Culture (DHDEC), 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, DHDEC strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEC does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education while enhancing and highlighting the contribution of their diverse cultures to economic, social, and human development; 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.

The University of Manchester's Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

The University of Manchester has long been a centre for ground-breaking research and scholarship. Their many Nobel prizes in the sciences and economics have been complemented by significant achievements in the arts, medicine, engineering, computing and radio astronomy. The University continues to advance as a global centre of education and innovation, but is also committed to local and regional engagement. The nine Schools that make up the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences all have a strong reputation for teaching and learning, and for producing employable graduates. The programs are designed to provide flexibility of choice and are continually revised to reflect new development in each subject area allowing students to work at the cutting edge of science.

¹ ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED CONDITIONALLY BASED ON THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE OAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 This scholarship opportunity is for pursuit of the EPS' postgraduate degree programs. Applicants can contact Ms. Alison McMurray at eps-oas@manchester.ac.uk for more information on the EPS programs.
- 1.2 The application deadline for admission to the programs is **April 30th, 2013**.
- 1.3 The program duration is one year for a Masters by Research or MPhil degree and 4 years for a PhD.
- 1.4 The next start date of the programs is September 23rd, 2013.
- 1.5 After successfully completing a Masters by Research or MPhil program, OAS-EPS Scholarship Recipients would then be offered the opportunity to study for a PhD within EPS.
- 1.6 The student must:
 - 1.6.1 have completed the admission process to the program and must have received admission to the study program;
 - 1.6.2 be nationals and/or legal permanent residents of any OAS Member State;
 - 1.6.3 possess a bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion prior to the day the application is submitted;
 - 1.6.4 have work experience in related field;
 - 1.6.5 be proficient in English. The research will be held in English. To provide evidence that you have met the English language entry requirement which is either an overall score of at least 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each component), or a paper-based TOEFL score of at least 570 (with at least 5.0 in Test of Written English (TWE)), or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89 with at least 17 in Listening and Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking. Please note that Institutional TOEFL is not accepted. The date stated on the certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date. This is not required if you are a national of a majority English-speaking country, according to the UKBA guidelines: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, or the United States of America.
- 1.7 The names of the scholarship awardees will be announced after **June 17th, 2013**.

2. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS:

- 2.1. EPS shall cover **25% (twenty five percent)** of the **lowest rate of the tuition cost** for each EPS/OAS scholarship Recipient. For PhD programs, the amount of the tuition fee charged in the first year before the discount will be the same amount to be charged each year throughout the doctorate studies.
- 2.2. The scholarship awardees will be responsible for the remaining tuition fees; registration fees; immigration fees; research expenses; study visit; settling-in fees; study materials; health insurance premium including administrative costs; living expenses; round trip airfare; visa charges, etc. The applicants will need to show they have funds in their bank account to cover their tuition fees and living expenses for 28 days when they apply for their visa. Living expenses are estimated at £7,200 (approximately US\$11,000) for 9 months for the student in the U.K. and £4,050 for 9 nine months for each dependant (spouse/child).
- 2.3. These above expenses shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition cost and any other costs as needed to EPS.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- 3.1 The application must include the following documents:

- 3.1.1 Completed [OAS/EPS Scholarship Application Form](#)
- 3.1.2 Letter of unconditional admission to the EPS
 - 3.1.2.1 Proof of application for admission to EPS could be shown in the forms of the application confirmation number, application ID number or email confirmation forwarded by EPS which confirms that the application was successfully received.
 - 3.1.2.2 **IMPORTANT:** Although we encourage you to apply and submit the other required documents of the OAS Scholarship application before receiving your admission letter, you **must** submit a copy of the official admission letter by **the scholarship application deadline**, otherwise your application will not be reviewed by the scholarship selection committee.
- 3.1.3 Copy of government issued identification document;
- 3.1.4 Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;
- 3.1.5 Copy of undergraduate academic records or transcripts of completed programs;
- 3.1.6 Two letters of recommendation; one from a professor and another from current or most recent employer;
- 3.1.7 Two essays in English as indicated in the [OAS/EPS Scholarship Application Form](#)
- 3.1.8 Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit the following proof of English proficiency:
 - 3.1.8.1 An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years
 - 3.1.8.2 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 90 for internet-based test; IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent, an overall score of at least 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each component), or a paper-based TOEFL score of at least 570 (with at least 5.0 in Test of Written English (TWE)), or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89 with at least 17 in Listening and Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking. Please note that Institutional TOEFL is not accepted. The date stated on the certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
- 3.1.9 The deadline to apply to these scholarships is **May 31st, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.** Eastern Standard Time(EST). **The deadline will not be extended and applications will not be accepted after the deadline.**
- 3.1.10 Incomplete applications will not be considered after the scholarship application deadline.
- 3.1.11 Original documentation may be requested by the OAS or the EPS at any time.
- 3.1.12 Each eligible applicant has to submit proof of funding to cover the remaining tuition fees and any additional fees to be covered. Applicants without the required proof will not be considered.

4. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

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

5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT

- 5.1** Applicants will be asked to provide proof that they have sufficient funds to cover the estimated cost of the items listed above by submitting one, or a combination of the following documents:
- 5.1.1** a contract for salary in absentia (example, study leave);
 - 5.1.2** a copy of a rental agreement on property showing the applicant as the property owner;
 - 5.1.3** proof that the applicant possess sufficient funds in the form of bank statement or letter and/or student loan;
 - 5.1.4** additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid;
 - 5.1.5** bank statement from a friend or relative along with a notarized letter certifying that the applicant will be provided with the funding needed to complete his/her studies.
- 5.2** OAS scholarships will be formally awarded only after the selected scholarship awardees have signed the Scholarship Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- 5.3** Scholarship awardees shall pay the remaining tuition fees and any other fees to EPS at registration before the program start.
- 5.4** Applicants should take at least 4 weeks into account for their visa to be processed.

6. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of any [OAS member state](#)
- 6.2** Please note that you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship if you were awarded an OAS scholarship in the past two (2) years or if you currently hold or are fulfilling the requirements of an OAS Scholarship.
- 6.3** OAS staff, individuals who maintain employment contracts with the OAS, the staff of Permanent Missions to the OAS and their immediate relatives are not eligible to receive OAS/EPS scholarships.
- 6.4** No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or the EPS and the PAEC OAS/EPS scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and EPS shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period.