



Organization of
American States



**OAS– ISS Scholarship Opportunities
under the
OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam are offering academic scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to further their education through the following program:

	Master's Degree Program	Program Start Date	Program Duration
A	Master of Arts in Development Studies with a major in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agrarian and Environmental Studies ▪ Economics of Development ▪ Governance, Policy and Political Economy ▪ Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives ▪ Social Policy for Development 	September 3 rd , 2012	16 months

About the Organization of American States (OAS) and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (1)

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.

International Institute of Social Studies

The International Institute of Social Studies is a University Institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam. ISS is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education, it conducts

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interdisciplinary research, teaches and is involved in advisory work in the field of development studies and international cooperation. The institute offers a PhD program, an MA in Development Studies with various specializations and post graduate diploma programs. It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment. ISS is located in The Hague, known as 'The World's Legal Capital'.

I. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Detailed information about the **Development Studies** program is available through the following link: <http://www.iss.nl/MA-Programme>

1. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION DEADLINE AND PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS:

The application deadline for admission to this master's program is **June 15th, 2012**.

For information about the university's application process of this Program, please visit the University's website.

2. STUDY VENUE/ MODALITY:

This program will be delivered onsite at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands.

3. LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:

English

4. UNIVERSITY CONTACT:

Contact person: Admission Office

Phone: + 31 (0)70 4260460

E-mail: student.office@iss.nl

II. ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. BENEFITS:

The OAS-ISS scholarships will cover 60% of tuition fees.

The scholarship recipient will be responsible for all remaining costs including:

- Remaining tuition fees;
- Registration fee;
- Immigration fees (including schengen visa);
- Study visit;
- Study materials;
- Health insurance premium including administration costs;
- Living expenses;
- Round trip airfare;

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All Applicants must:

- Be citizens or permanent residents of an OAS member country.
- Hold at least a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- Possess basic computer and internet skills

- Have work experience in related field
- Have good command of English, with documentary evidence, if not the native language. Applicants for whom English is not the first or native language should submit one of the following to verify 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 580 or higher for the paper based test, 237 for computer-based test or 92 for internet-based test; IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent

3. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS:

Please note that you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship if you currently hold an OAS Scholarship for Academic Studies;

Also, Staff members of the General Secretariat, persons under performance contracts with the General Secretariat, staff members of the permanent missions to the OAS, and their relatives are not eligible for OAS academic scholarships.

4. SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

Required documents:

- Letter of admission to the Program mentioned
- Completed Scholarship [Application Form](#)
- Copy of the transcript of the latest degree obtained
- Updated resume
- One letter of recommendation of current or most recent employer

Applicants should complete and submit the Scholarship Application Form and the required documents (above) in **English and PDF format, as one file, no later than July 1st, 2012**, via e-mail to nduncan@oas.org with copy to lpoteausaintime@oas.org with the subject matter: **"OAS-ISS Scholarships"**.

5. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

Scholarships shall be granted based on the following criteria:

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background, and
- An extensive and equitable geographic distribution for the benefit of all member states that takes into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS:

All Scholarship Recipients must:

- Show proof of additional funding
- Fulfill all requirements of the program for which the OAS-ISS scholarship is awarded
- Confirm their acceptance of the scholarship award by signing and returning to OAS DHDEC their completed form: "Acceptance of the Scholarship Award".
- Inform the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Culture before July 25th, 2012 in the event he/she is unable to begin the program of study so that the scholarship may be offered to the next ranked candidate.
- Reimburse GS/OAS and ISS the total amount of the scholarship costs if he/she declines the scholarship after the start of the program without compelling proof/reason.