



**Organization of
American States**



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FALL 2010 OEA-IE Scholarships for Undergraduate Programs

Due to the increasing demand of professionals with a global viewpoint and an integral educational background, the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Instituto de Empresa (IE) have decided to support outstanding individuals from the OAS Member States through the award of the OAS-IE Scholarships to further their academic education at the level of undergraduate studies.

With this purpose, and to continue promoting academic excellence, social development and educational opportunities, the Fundación Instituto de Empresa has created a scholarships fund geared towards professionals from all OAS Member States that wish to further their education at the IE. In this opportunity, the scholarships fund will award grants for seven (7) undergraduate programs at IE, beginning classes in September 2010.

The OAS/IE Scholarships are intended for students from the OAS Member States that can offer their own viewpoint to the program of study they have chosen, and thus contribute to the global approach of such programs of study, as well as to the intellectual diversity of its participants.

About the initiatives of the IE and the OAS

The IE recognizes that at present, having an international perspective and viewpoint is of high importance to develop projects successfully, either at the public or the private sector. The principal goal of the Fundación IE is to offer young people access to education, as well as professional development programs in different fields. From the activities carried out we can highlight the promotion of scholarships and research, and the creation of a special fund for books publishing. In this regard, the Fundación IE generates opportunities for young people who are beginning their professional careers, with an international experience that is essential for their social and economic development.

The OAS, through its Department of Human Development, Education and Culture, has as its fundamental mission to promote and to strengthen the development of human capital by offering educational opportunities to individuals from the OAS Member States. In this regard, the OAS offers scholarships and financial aid annually to conduct research and graduate studies, as well as scholarships for professional development courses under both on-site and online modalities.

Specifications

Beginning of classes: September 2010

Geographical areas: candidates with nationality or permanent residence of any OAS Member State are eligible.

Application Requirements

The scholarships are geared towards outstanding candidates who fulfill the following requirements:

1. Are nationals or permanent residents of any OAS Member State.
2. To apply for this scholarship, candidates must have already initiated the admission process to the undergraduate program of their choice. Additionally, to be a scholarship recipient, the selected candidate must have satisfactorily completed the admission process to said program. For the mandatory admission requirements to the programs please refer to: <http://www.ie.edu/university/admision.php?seccion=admision>
3. The candidates who benefit from this scholarship must commit to return to work in one of the OAS Member States or to render service in an International Organization for a minimum period of two (2) years. If said requirement is not fulfilled, the scholarship recipient must reimburse the IE for the total cost of the scholarship granted.

Deadline to apply for scholarship: May 30th, 2010.

Evaluation Criteria:

The following evaluation criteria will be considered in the analysis and selection of the candidates:

- Academic profile.
- Financial need.
- Geographic distribution, and gender and cultural diversity.
- Availability to devote to the studies on a full-time basis.
- Intention to return to an OAS member country or to work for an International Organization.
- Work experience relevant to the field of study.
- Availability of additional economic resources to absolve remaining costs of the program of study not covered by the scholarship.
- Outcome of the telephone interview.
- Results of tests administered by IE (English proficiency).
- Involvement in social services projects.

Selection Process

1. All applications and complete required documents must be submitted before May 30th, 2010 to becasoea@ie.edu. It is mandatory to have finalized beforehand the admission process to the program of study of choice.
2. The IE and the OAS will notify the selected candidates by the end of June 2010.

Information and Inquiries about Forms, Documents and Procedures of Scholarships Application:

Applicants are advised to visit the website of each program of study:

<http://www.ie.edu/university>

Questions must be forwarded to:

IE Financial Aid Office
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Scholarships Offer

- Programs of Study:
 - Bachelor in Communication
 - Bachelor in Architecture
 - Bachelor in Biology
 - Bachelor in Psychology
 - Bachelor in Art History
 - Bachelor in Tourism Management
 - Dual Degree: Bachelor in Business Administration and Bachelor of Law
- The Award:

Three (3) scholarships of 40% of tuition costs, equivalent to 7,200€, to be distributed among the following programs: B. in Communication, B. in Architecture, B. in Biology, B. in Psychology, B. in Art History and B. in Tourism Management; and two (2) scholarships of 30% of tuition costs, equivalent to 5,400€, for the dual degree program B. of Business Administration + B. of Law.
- The possibility of doing an internship at the OAS:

The IE students that fulfill the program's requisites and graduate successfully can apply to the OAS internships program. For more information about the different opportunities we encourage applicants to visit www.oas.org/internships.
- The students shall be responsible to cover:

- The remaining tuition cost of the program, this is, 10,800€ per academic year equivalent to 60% for the following undergraduate programs: B. in Communications, B. in Architecture, B. in Biology, B. in Psychology, B. in Art History and B. in Tourism Management; and 12,600€ per academic year, equivalent to 70% for the program B. in Business Administration + Bachelor of Law (Dual Degree).
 - Room and board, health insurance, tuition, books and study materials.
 - Airfare.
 - Visa expenses (the IE will provide support via its Student Office).
- Beginning of classes: September of each year, usually in the third week of the month.
 - Requirements:
Applicants must have already initiated the admission process to the program of study of their choice at IE, and must submit the following documentation as a scholarship application to becasoea@ie.edu:
 1. Curriculum Vitae (1 page)
 2. Essays on the following topics:
 - a. In your opinion, what are the three most important trends in your field of study? For example: if you desire to pursue a Bch in Architecture, What are the three most important trends in architecture today?
 - b. In your opinion, what is the benefit of studying an undergraduate program in Europe, instead of your current place of residence?
 - c. Why should the Scholarship Committee decide in favor of your candidacy?
 - d. Describe how you plan to finance the rest of the program's tuition cost and living expenses.
 3. Additional documentation: any other documents that may reinforce the fulfillment of the selection criteria.
 - Financial Criteria: for example, three most recent three (3) pay slips, bank statements and/or a income statement of the scholarship applicant or of the person/institution that will pay for tuition, etc.
 - Criteria of professional and personal achievements and merits: awards received, research done, publications, certificates of volunteer work, etc.
 - With the purpose of clarifying any aspects of the scholarship application, the IE reserves the possibility to conduct an interview (via telephone or in person) after receiving the required documents.
 - Language of instruction: Spanish or English, depending on the program of study of choice.
 - Duration: four (4) to five (5) years, depending on the program of study