



Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

# 2023/2024 ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited from interested persons for the Organization of American States Scholarships to undertake undergraduate or graduate studies (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree and/or graduate research that lead to a degree at an accredited or recognized university/institution of higher learning in an OAS member state with the exception of institutions in Jamaica. Studies must be carried out on a full-time basis, and can be onsite, online or a combination of both, for the academic year **2023/2024**.

## PRIORITY DISCIPLINES

- Only Medical Sciences and learning of new languages are excluded from the academic programme

## ELIGIBILITY

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of an [OAS Member State](#).
- Possess the language competence to undertake studies in the language of the institution in country of study.
- Have obtained a first degree by the time of application for the scholarship (**graduate studies**).
- Have completed the first two (2) years of the Undergraduate degree, or have an Associate's degree (**undergraduate studies**).
- Have a GPA above the minimum standard required by the university.
- Be in good physical and mental health to complete the program successfully.

*Please note that scholarships are not awarded to study at universities in Jamaica.*

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Online Application form:  
Graduate studies <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1136&Type=1&Lang=Eng>  
Undergraduate studies <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1137&Type=1&Lang=Eng>
- Certified copies of current transcripts and certificates of highest academic achievement
- Two (2) recommendation letters, preferably from current or former professors using the [OAS Recommendation Statement Form](#) or previous employer using the [Employer Recommendation Form](#). **Recommendation letters from relatives will not be accepted**
- If unemployed or never employed, include a letter from a professor or someone who can provide reference of your qualities as a student or professional using the [Recommendation Statement Form](#)
- Copy of Government issued identification card /Bio-data page of passport
- Medical Certificate (General check-up)
- Police Record
- Curriculum Vitae (must not exceed 2 pages)

**Persons wishing to complete a second bachelor, masters or PhD are ineligible**

## BENEFITS

OAS Scholarships are complimentary in nature, and **do not intend to cover 100% of the recipient's expenses**. Scholarships have a monetary cap of US\$10,000.00 per academic year. The Scholarship is awarded for a minimum period of one (1) academic year and a maximum period of two (2) academic years. The benefits vary and may include:

- Tuition and mandatory fees
- Health Insurance
- Monthly Complementary subsistence allowance
- Round trip airfare (if applicable)
- Annual book allowance

**Please note that the disbursement of funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> academic year shall take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2023.**

## OBLIGATION

Successful candidates will be required to sign a Loan Agreement for Education and Training prior to leaving Jamaica giving an undertaking that upon completion of studies, they will return and work in Jamaica for a specific period of time.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Details on the application process can be accessed from  
[https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/Academic\\_Program\\_OAS\\_2023.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/Academic_Program_OAS_2023.asp)

Applicants are required to submit a copy of the completed application along with the supporting documents to the

**Strategic Workforce Planning & Improvement Branch  
Ministry of Finance and the Public Service**

Email: [scholarships@mof.gov.jm](mailto:scholarships@mof.gov.jm)

**CLOSING DATE:**

**Friday March 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**WE THANK ALL APPLICANTS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN OUR SCHOLARSHIPS: HOWEVER, CONTACT WILL ONLY BE MADE WITH SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES.**