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OAS | Scholarships

2024 Scholarship Opportunity

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT), in the United States, want to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following academic scholarships to continue their studies.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate programs , excluding Nursing, Music, and Architecture
MODALITY:	Onsite in the United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	2 - 4 years
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	<p>University admission and scholarship application: Fall 2024: May 1, 2024</p> <p>Open to admitted students from OAS member states, except the United States, starting Fall 2024</p>
BENEFITS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduces the tuition rate to USD 20,000 per year (a scholarship value of approximately \$9,522 per year) for undergraduate students – Please visit our Tuition and Fee page to learn more about the cost of attending UT. b. Waiver for the application fee. c. Applicants may also be eligible for the International Volunteer or International Tennessee Explore Scholarships if they meet the additional scholarship criteria. When combined with OAS funding, limits apply. d. Applicants are considered for competitive scholarships if they apply by the November 1st deadline. 2. The OAS will provide a one-time supplementary amount of USD 4,000 to support tuition for scholarship recipients.

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and subject to the availability of funds. To receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient must not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The **General Secretariat of the OAS (GS/OAS)** is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS).

- Through its Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment (DHDEE), the GS/OAS supports [Member States](#) in creating policies and implementing programs that promote the development of human capabilities at all educational levels.
- By enabling educational opportunities for citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security within the framework of regional integration.
- DHDEE does this by: (i) supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve quality and equity in education; and (ii) helping the citizens of the Americas to develop their full potential by providing them with access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the living standards of individuals, families, and communities in the region.

The **University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT)**, is among the top-ranked public universities in the United States. To learn more, visit our [Why UT](#) page.

- Our 360+ undergraduate programs include top-ranked areas of study such as supply chain management and nuclear engineering.
- Outside the classroom, students have plenty of opportunities to make friends and memories through on-campus events and more than 400 student organizations.
- Upon graduation, students join a global network of more than 260,000 alumni ready to make connections and open doors for new graduates.
- What really makes UT unique is that our students are known as “Volunteers”. Being a Volunteer is not just a nickname; it is who we are, what we do, and how we do it. Volunteers - whether locally, nationally, or globally - serve and shape communities.

Important Contact Information

For all UT admission questions please email UT at admissions@utk.edu.

For any OAS scholarship questions please email OAS at scholarships@oas.org with the subject under the title "OAS-the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Scholarship Program".



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the scholarship opportunity:

- Be a new applicant or current student who will be in an undergraduate program at the University of Tennessee (other than Nursing, Music, and Architecture).
- Be a citizen or legal resident of any of the [OAS Member States](#), except the United States.
 - Applicants from **Argentina** must complete this [form](#) and submit it to the [National Liaison Office](#) (ONE) in Argentina.
- Be on an F1 student visa.

The following applicants are **not** eligible:

- Current OAS Scholarship recipients and citizens and/or permanent residents of the United States.
- GS/OAS staff and their immediate family members or GS/OAS consultants.
- Permanent OAS staff members and their immediate family members.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE OAS-UT SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants interested in the OAS-UT Scholarship must first be admitted to or currently attending the University of Tennessee. To begin the admission process please visit the [UT admissions page](#).

Upon admission to UT, the applicant will automatically be considered as a candidate for the OAS- UT scholarship.

Scholarship Selection Process

UT's international scholarship committee and OAS will select the scholarship recipients. The elements that will be considered in awarding the scholarships include the following aspects:

- Geographic distribution of the candidates, taking into account the most important needs of the Member States, according to the Human Development Index reported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Academic profile, merit, and academic credentials
- Applicant's potential impact on the completion of the study program
- Gender distribution

Scholarship Acceptance Process

Only selected applicants will be contacted by UT to determine their interest in the OAS-UT scholarship. Once the recipient responds a final list will be sent to OAS who will contact recipients via email, where they will receive the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance.

Once the candidate has accepted the scholarship offer, UT will issue an award letter that the recipient can use during the I-20 issuance process.

Scholarship Awarding Process

Once awarded the applicant's scholarship funds will be applied to the student's financial account at UT after the semester starts.

RECIPIENT'S DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected scholarship recipients have signed an OAS/University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Acceptance Form.
- Refrain from engaging in activities that are incompatible with their status as an OAS Scholarship recipient, in accordance with the rules set forth in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UT.
- Comply with the provisions of the "Financial Responsibilities of Awardees".
- To retain the scholarship, recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- The scholarship recipient may decline the scholarship before the program start date without financial penalty. However, if the scholarship is declined after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and UT may require the scholarship recipient to repay all funds awarded under the scholarship at the time the relinquishment is processed.
- Commitment to remain in their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS Member States, or an international organization, for the duration of the scholarship. If this commitment is not fulfilled, the GS/OAS and/or UT may request reimbursement of the full amount of the scholarship awarded.

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by this scholarship, falling under the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are as follows:

- a) remaining tuition and fee costs,
- b) application fees,
- c) housing costs,
- d) meal plans,
- e) round trip airfare,
- f) health insurance fees,
- g) books and study materials,
- h) orientation fees, and
- i) any additional charges not expressly covered by the OAS-UT PAEC Scholarship.

Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#), which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to USD 15,000.

- ✓ We are excited to share with you [The Financial Aid Guide for Studies in the U.S.](#) This booklet features a useful listing of financial aid opportunities sorted by country of residence. Check out the listing of scholarships, grants, fellowships, and loans, collected by the [Rowe Fund](#) program of the Organization of American States. For over seventy years, the Rowe Fund has granted interest-free student loans for university studies in the U.S. to supplement other sources of financing.
- ✓ Given the steady increase in the cost of higher education, international students require a combination of strategies to finance their U.S. studies. We trust this Financial Aid [Guide](#) for U.S. studies is a good start to your search for funding.

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