

Study at the  
**Institute for  
Housing and  
Urban  
Development  
Studies** in the  
Netherlands



Scholarship  
opportunity to pursue a  
Master of Science in  
Urban Management and  
Development

Admission deadline: May 15, 2019  
Scholarship deadline: June 5, 2019



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## ▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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

- Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), 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, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration.
- DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; 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.

55 years investing in People Who Make Cities Work. The [Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies](#) (IHS) mission is to develop human and institutional capacities to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities.

- The IHS is an international center of excellence of the School of Economics (ESE) and the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, operating on a global scale by offering post-graduate education, training, advisory services and applied research.
- Today more people live in cities than ever before. Our urban future confronts us with great innovations and challenges.
- Cities need urban professionals who can understand, face and manage these developments to create urban futures that improve the quality of life in cities.
- IHS trains and advises these professionals on a global scale through its integrated approach in education, advisory services and research that offers practice and theory on urban management and development.

## ▼ ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

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- #5 for Planning and Development Studies according to The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR).
- Part of Erasmus University of Rotterdam, a top 100 University in the world (#70 Times Higher Education).
- Winner of the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour for role as global centre of urban excellence and knowledge.

## ▼ TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

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- *“When you decide to study abroad, the quality of the program you choose is fundamental. IHS presents a compact, intense and high quality program, which trains us not only in research knowledge, but also skills like working under pressure or negotiating in dynamic, changing and challenging contexts”* – Daniela Ochia Peralta, Columbia, MSc Urban Management Development 2018
- *“IHS and Rotterdam make a perfect combination for studying, sharing knowledge, and experiencing an exciting international urban environment”* – Edwin Chirivi, Columbia, MSc Urban Management Development 2018

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>Master of Science in Urban Management and Development</b> Detailed information about the program is available at <a href="http://www.ihs.nl/umd">www.ihs.nl/umd</a>
<b>MODALITY / COUNTRY:</b>	Onsite in The Netherlands
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	12 Months
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	Program admission: <b>May 15, 2019</b> Scholarship application: <b>June 5, 2019</b>
<b>START DATE:</b>	September 30, 2019
<b>END DATE:</b>	September 19, 2020
<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 60% tuition fees waiver and waiver of registration cost, administrative fee and study materials to the top ranked candidate.</li> <li>✓ Waiver of registration cost, administrative fee, and study materials to remaining candidates.</li> </ul>

## ▼ APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION

The final deadline for application for admission to IHS is May 15, 2019; however, to apply for this scholarship, candidates need to have received an unconditional admission offer from IHS to include in the scholarship application. Please apply for admission in a timely manner since on average it takes 4 weeks for your application to be processed and a digital admission offer is sent to you by IHS.

### **Student/Applicant's profile**

Detailed information about the program and profile of student's is available through the following link: <https://www.ihs.nl/en/master/urban-management-and-development>

### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, applicants are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. For information about the Institute's application process for this Program, please visit the Institute's website at <https://www.ihs.nl/en/master/urban-management-and-development>

### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants should contact Ms. Desislava Yordanova at [yordanova@ihs.nl](mailto:yordanova@ihs.nl) or +31 10 408 9865 for more information about the university's admission process.



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for an OAS – IHS scholarship, the applicant must have ALL required supporting documentation, which includes:

1. **Government issued ID** – scan a photo of the passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from the IHS.
3. **Transcript or record of grades** – copy of Bachelor’s Degree Transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
4. **Certificate or Diploma** – copy of Bachelor's degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution.
5. **Two (2) Recommendation Letters** – one of the recommendation letters should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor’s/Employer’s position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
  - a. Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor. The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration.
  - b. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.
6. **Essays** – applicants are required to write and include two essays in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Both essays should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.
  - a. Essay 1: Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.
  - b. Essay 2: Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.
7. **Curriculum vitae** – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
8. **Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable** – applicants whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
  - a. A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university or college in the last five years;
  - b. 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 an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 92;
  - c. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

**Note:** The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
9. **Proof of Additional Funds** – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship, which is estimated from USD\$22,500 - \$29,100 (based on type of scholarship offer) by including one, or a combination, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
  - a. a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
  - b. a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
  - c. a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary to be received based on study leave with pay;
  - d. a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

- **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.

### STEP 2: Apply online:

- ✓ After applying and receiving admission from the IHS, you will be required to complete the OAS online scholarship application form upon notification from the university and attach all required supporting documentation listed above via the OAS online system.
- ✓ **Only applicants with admission to the IHS program will be allowed to apply for OAS scholarship consideration.**
- ✓ **The scholarship application must be completed by June 5, 2019**

## ▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for payment of visa/immigration fees, research expenses, health insurance, living expenses including accommodation and local transportation, airfare and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

- ✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to IHS.
- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipients. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipients should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to IHS
  - *This scholarship opportunity is open to current students from OAS Member States at the University.*
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).
  - *Applicants from **Argentina** must fill out a required form through the following link; <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and send it to the [National Liaison Office \(ONE\)](#) in Argentina.*

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

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

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

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**Selection Committee** IHS and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above.

**Notification of selected candidates** The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

**Publication of Scholarship Results** The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in June/July 2019 on the OAS Scholarship website at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships).

## ▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

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- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/IHS Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- ✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by IHS and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at IHS.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, IHS may require the scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the IHS could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject "OAS- IHS Scholarship Program"

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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