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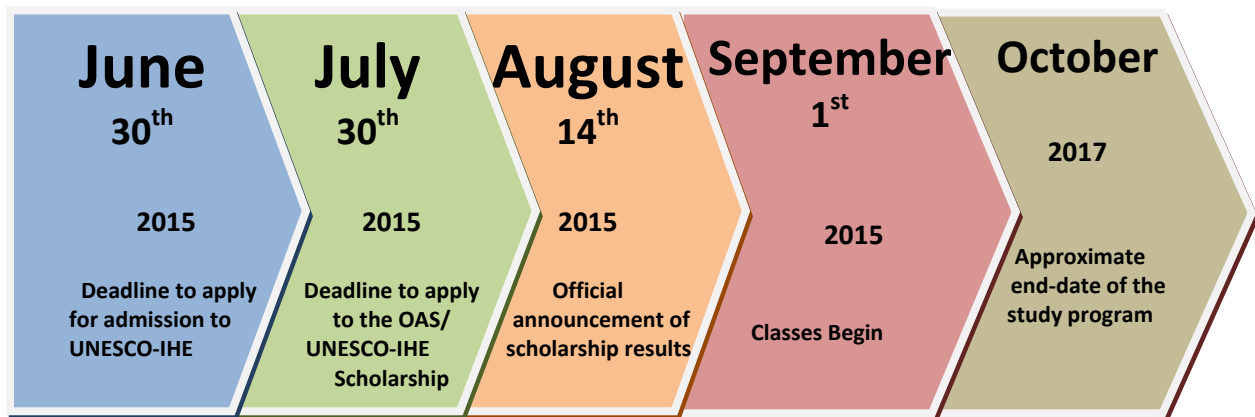
## OAS – UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education 2015 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development and Education (DHDE) and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in the program below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Postgraduate Professional Diploma Programme (PPDP) in Sanitation and Sanitary Engineering
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online, The Netherlands
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	2 years
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	Admission deadline: June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 Scholarship application: July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	75% of the tuition fee

#### IMPORTANT DATES:



## ABOUT UNESCO-IHE AND THE OAS

### The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development and Education (DHDE), 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, DHDE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDE 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.

### UNESCO-IHE

The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education was established in 2003. It carries out research, education and capacity development activities in water related fields. The UNESCO-IHE is the largest water education facility in the world, and the only institution in the UN system authorized to confer accredited M.Sc. degrees, and provides PhD education in collaboration with partner universities. The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education is based in and operates from Delft, the Netherlands, and facilitates all UNESCO member states.

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Objective:** The objective of the online PPDP is to disseminate sanitation and sanitary engineering knowledge and know-how to professionals who do not have the means or interest to pursue a graduate program degree in Sanitation and Sanitary Engineering, or who already have a graduate degree in a related field and wish to specialize professionally.
- 2. Profile of applicant:** Sanitation sector professionals, or those aspiring to work in the sector.
- 3. Study Location/Modality:** Online, the Netherlands
- 4. Study program start date:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- 5. Study program duration:** The duration of an online module varies between 12 to 18 weeks. The PPDP should be completed within a period of two years.
- 6. Approximate end date of the study program:** October 2017
- 7. Language of instruction:** English
- 8. Skills:** The student must possess basic computer and internet skills

## **Admission and Program Information:**

**1. Regulations:** Participants must comply with the education and examination regulations of the PPDP set by UNESCO-IHE.

**2. Requirement:** the minimum requirement to obtain a PPDP is of at least 20 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits. Table 1 describes the online courses offered by UNESCO-IHE as part of the PPDP and their respective number of ECTS credits. Participants have to select among three clusters of courses leading to three different tracks:

- A. Sanitation Track (S): 14 ECTS credits from sanitation online courses must be obtained + 6 ECTS credits from any other online courses described in the Table 1 below
- B. Sanitary Engineering Track (SE): 14 ECTS credits from sanitary engineering online courses + 6 ECTS credits from any other online courses described in the Table 1 below
- C. All-round/generalist Track (M): 10 ECTS credits from sanitation online courses + 10 ECTS credits from sanitary engineering courses.
- D. The number of online courses required to collect the 20 ECTS credits required to obtain the diploma ranges between four and five online courses. Each online course is offered only once a year. A detailed schedule showing the starting date of the online courses can be found at <http://www.unesco-ihe.org/Education/Non-degree-Programmes/Online-courses>. For more specific questions about the PPDP or the particular online courses please contact [onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org](mailto:onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org)

**Table 1** - List of online courses available within the Postgraduate Professional Diploma Programme

	ONLINE COURSE NAME	ECTS	FOCUS		
			S	SE	M
1	Biological Wastewater Treatment: Principles, Modeling, and Design	6		•	•
2	Solid Waste Management	5	•		•
3	Ecological Sanitation	5	•		•
4	Cleaner Production and the Water Cycle	5		•	•
5	Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment	5		•	•
6	Policy and Management in Developing Countries	5	•	•	•
7	Urban Drainage and Sewerage	5		•	•
8	Industrial Wastewater Treatment	5		•	•
9	Modeling Sanitation System	5		•	•
10	St Marten Case Study	5	•	•	•
11	Sanitation-related Urban Groundwater Pollution	4	•		•
12	Fecal Sludge Management	5	•		•
13	Urban Flood Management & Disaster Risk Mitigation	5		•	•
14	Urban Water Systems	5		•	•
15	Experimental Methods in Wastewater Treatment	5		•	•
16	Grey Water Management, Treatment, and Use	3	•		•

**ECTS:** European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System;

**S:** Sanitation; **SE:** Sanitary Engineering; **M:** S and SE mixed track

**3. Deadline:** Application for admission deadline and program admission process at the UNESCO-IHE is

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**4. Application process:** For information about the UNESCO-IHE's application process for the online courses of the PPDP, please visit the UNESCO-IHE's website <http://www.unesco-ihe.org/Education/Non-degree-Programmes/Online-courses> or contact UNESCO-IHE at [onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org](mailto:onlinecourse@unesco-ihe.org)

**5. Academic admission requirements:** Academic admission to the program may be granted to applicants who provide evidence of having a university bachelor's degree in an appropriate field of study for the program, awarded by a university of recognized standing. Academic admission to the program will be granted on the basis of a decision taken to that effect by the Academic Registrar, upon advice of the programme coordinator. Students will be registered for one of the three program tracks. Selection of modules for each individual student will be decided upon after decision and agreement with the programme coordinator. Applicants will be registered as student in the programme after payment of the required tuition fees

## II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

### 1. Benefits:

1.1 The OAS and UNESCO-IHE shall cover 75% of the tuition fees.

### 2. Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

2.1 In addition to the remaining cost of tuition fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for books and study materials and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

2.2 These above expenses 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 required by UNESCO-IHE.

### 3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

3.1 Letter of unconditional admission program.

3.2 The student must not have received other scholarships from the OAS or from the UNESCO-IHE for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2015 OAS/UNESCO application.

3.3 Be citizens and/or permanent legal residents of any [OAS member state](#)

3.4 OAS staff, individuals who maintain employment contracts with the OAS, the staff of Permanent Missions to the OAS and their immediate relatives are not eligible to receive OAS/UNESCO-IHE scholarships.

3.5 No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or UNESCO-IHE the PAEC OAS/UNESCO-IHE scholarship recipients. Similarly, the OAS and UNESCO-IHE shall not assume any type of liability, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period.

### 4. Scholarship Application Process:

The scholarship application deadline is

**July 30th, 2015**

**STEP 1**

Gather the following documents which must be included with the completed OAS/UNESCO-IHE scholarship application form, and in the following order:

1. Copy of government issued identification document;
2. Curriculum Vitae or Resume, without attachments;
3. Copy of undergraduate academic records or transcripts of completed programs;
4. One letter of recommendation: one letter from a university professor or one from a 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.
5. Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following proof of English proficiency:
  - I. An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years; OR
  - II. A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 2. OR
  - III. Other standard English proficiency certificates  
*The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.*
6. Proof that you have sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees and other expenses as indicated in 2.1 above, which is estimated at USD \$2,000 by submitting one, or a combination, of the following documents:
  - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
  - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
  - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
  - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

**NOTE:** Applicants must ensure that all information provided as part of the OAS Scholarship Application is accurate, true and correct. While documents are sent electronically, applicants must be able to present physical and original copies of these documents.

Take into account that you will be required to write two essays in the OAS online scholarship application form, which should be written in English. Each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

- ✓ **Essay 1:** Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or career.
- ✓ **Essay 2:** The OAS – PAEC Scholarship requires recipients to return to their country of citizenship or legal residence for 2 years upon completion of the studies. Please explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development in your country or region. Also, please indicate the reasons for applying to this scholarship, financial need and how you will cover the additional costs not included in this scholarship.

<b>STEP 2</b>	<p>Complete and send the <a href="#">OAS/UNESCO-IHE Scholarship Application Form</a>, along with the above indicated documents, which should be attached in pdf format and in one document in the order specified in Step</p> <p>Note: We strongly recommend applying for the scholarship as soon you start the process of admission to Institution. Only applicants that are admitted by the University or Educational Institution will be considered for the scholarship.</p>
<b>STEP 3</b>	<p>The evaluation process, selection, and announcement of results will take place. During this period, the candidate should await the announcement of the scholarship results, which will be published at <a href="http://www.oas.org/scholarships">www.oas.org/scholarships</a> in August 2015.</p>
<b>STEP 4</b>	<p>The scholarship acceptance process will take place. Only the selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail which will include the official scholarship offer and the instructions on its acceptance.</p>
<b>STEP 5</b>	<p>The selected candidates will then be informed to register for the selected program on UNESCO-IHE's website.</p>
<b>STEP 6</b>	<p>Awardee should prepare for the beginning of the study program: registering for classes, ordering course books, among others.</p>

## 5. Scholarship Selection Criteria

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

## 6. Duties and Responsibilities of the Student:

- 6.1 The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UNESCO-IHE Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship agree to its terms and conditions.
- 6.2 Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- 6.3 Comply with all the academic guidelines and registration requirements requested by UNESCO-IHE and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UNESCO-IHE.
- 6.4 Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees", section II.2 "ON THE GRANT".
- 6.5 To retain the scholarship, awardees should not have low academic due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- 6.6 The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, the scholarship offer is declined after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and UNESCO-IHE may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.

6.7 Commitment to return to work or remain in their country of origin or 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 UNESCO-IHE could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**[APPLY NOW!](#)**

**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**