Application Deadline

Fall 2019 | July 1st, 2019
Spring 2020 | October 1st, 2019

www.oas.org/scholarships

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate Degree programs as listed in the Annex I below
MODALITY:	Onsite or online in Kentucky, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	1 - 4 years
CALENDAR:	**The university's admission deadline** **Fall 2019: July 1, 2019** **Spring 2019: October 1, 2019** Classes begin: **Fall -** August 19, 2019	**Scholarship application deadline** **Fall 2019: July 15, 2019** **Spring 2019: October 15, 2019** Classes begin: **Spring** - January 20, 2020
BENEFITS:	**ONSITE PROGRAMS** • The University shall cover USD $11,400 of the total tuition costs each year of the program of study. • The OAS shall cover a one-time subsistence allowance USD $4,000 to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition in the first year of study.	**ONLINE PROGRAMS** • USD $4,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition in the first year of the study.

✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

ABOUT THE OAS

The OAS General Secretariat (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), 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.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY – ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

> ➢ Western Kentucky University (WKU) is home to many highly ranked and nationally recognized academic programs such as Business/Management, Journalism and Broadcasting, Engineering, Computer Science, Social Sciences, and Math, including an award-winning speech and debate team.
> ➢ In addition to the top academic programs, WKU is also home to competitive Division I Athletic teams including tennis, basketball, soccer, and football.
> ➢ More than 18,000 students grace WKU's campus, including students from over 60 countries.
> ➢ WKU is one of four nationally recognized Safe Communities America by the National Safety Council and is ranked as one of the most beautiful southern campuses by U.S. News.
> ➢ Centrally located and easily accessible to many major U.S. cities, WKU is known for the southern hospitality and charm that Kentucky has to offer.
> ➢ Bowling Green, Kentucky (home to WKU) is ranked one of the top 10 U.S. college towns, and Kentucky is known worldwide for its Bourbon and Kentucky Thoroughbred horse racing.
> ➢ All cultural background and beliefs, have a welcoming home at WKU.
> ➢ Learn more about WKU, take an online virtual tour, and schedule time to video chat with a current international student at www.wku.edu/international.

FEATURE OF CURRENT STUDENT

"One of the things that motivated me to come here was the multicultural element of WKU. When I came here, I found people from Kuwait, China, Japan, Denmark and beyond. I was so amazed. I could learn about other cultures and share my culture with others." ~ Gabriela

Want to know about this Program from a current student? Here is a feature article that was done on Gabriela "Gabby" Vargas Berroa from Arequipa, Peru, a 2018 OAS/WKU Scholarship Recipient: https://international.blog.wku.edu/2019/02/01/the-great-gabby/

▼ APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to contact the WKU International Enrollment Management for more information, please go to the WKU's website: https://www.wku.edu/international/
- ✓ Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit: https://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/ to understand admission requirements to the programs of study.
- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to review the WKU admission requirements before applying: https://www.wku.edu/international/intlreq.php
- ✓ Applicants can contact iem@wku.edu for more information about the university's admission process and program details.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- ➢ To apply for an OAS – WKU scholarship, applicants must have **ALL** required supporting documentation, which includes:

    1. **ID** – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
    2. **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from Western Kentucky University.
    3. Transcript or record of grades – copy of High School Transcript or Associate'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 High School certificate or Associate'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 (2) essays in the OAS-WKU online scholarship application form. The essays must 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 – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
    a. TOEFL (TIBT): 71 or higher
    b. TOEFL (Paper or Computer-based): 525- paper based or 197- computer based
    c. IELTS: 6.0 or higher
    d. SAT: Critical Reading Score of 450 (Tests taken prior to March 2016) and Evidence Based Reading /Writing Score of 460 (Tests taken during/after March 2016)
    e. Pearson PTE Academic: Score of 52
    f. ELS Language Center: Level 109 completion or higher
    g. ESLi at WKU: Completion of this program meets our requirement ([LEARN MORE])
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 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 not be able to summit 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:
➢ To apply for an OAS – WKU scholarship, applicants must complete the OAS online scholarship application form and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation listed above.
➢ After receiving the admission letter from the WKU, please email a copy of the admission letter and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email address scholarships@oas.org

➢ **Only applicants with proof of admission to a WKU program will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**
➢ **The scholarship application must be completed by July 15 or October 1, 2019.**

▼ **EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

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

	ONSITE PROGRAMS	ONLINE PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	✓ Remaining tuition and/or school fees of US$ 14,040; ✓ Immigration fees; ✓ Research expenses; ✓ Study materials ✓ Living expenses (estimated at $10,150); ✓ Round trip airfare; and ✓ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-WKU Scholarship offer.	✓ WKU shall charge USD $15,744 for tuition costs of each of the programs. ✓ Distance Learning Course fee: $540 per credit hour; ✓ Books and Study Materials: $600; and ✓ Any additional fees not included in OAS-WKU Scholarship offer.

- ✓ The tuition discount from the University shall be spread across the Fall and Spring semesters only and is based on the 2019/2020 year, which is expected to increase each year as tuition increases.
- ✓ The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to WKU.
- ✓ Applicants could 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.
- ✓ Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship may qualify to receive additional funding from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program:
    - o Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may only pursue the programs listed as priority areas for the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program.
    - o Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who do not apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may pursue any of the programs of study included in the OAS-WKU Scholarship announcement.
    - o Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who receive scholarship funds from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program, must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

▼ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:
- ➢ Provide an unconditional admission letter to Western Kentucky University
    - o *This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students at WKU who are from an OAS member state, except the United States, and are not an OAS-WKU scholarship recipient.*
- ➢ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- ➢ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except the *United States.*
    - o *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:

- ✓ 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:

Selection Committee Western Kentucky University and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in August and September 2019 at www.oas.org/scholarships.

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.**

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/WKU 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 WKU and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at WKU.

✓ 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 2.0/4.0), 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, the OAS and WKU 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 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 WKU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-Western Kentucky University Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.oas.org/scholarships   /oasscholarships   @OASscholarships

ANNEX I: List of Programs
Onsite Programs

Accounting
Advertising
Agriculture
Anthropology
Architectural Science
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Broadcasting
Business and Marketing Education
Business Data Analytics
Business Economics
Chemistry
Chemistry (Teacher Education)
Civil Engineering
Communication Disorders
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Corporate and Organizational Communication
Criminology
Dental Hygiene
Diversity and Community Studies
Earth Science
Economics
Electrical Engineering
Elementary Education
English for Secondary Teachers
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Health Science
Family and Consumer Sciences
Film
Finance
Geographic Information Science
Geography and Environmental
Geology
Health Care Administration

Health Information Management
Health Sciences
History
Hospitality Management and Dietetics
Industrial Education
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
Interior Design and Fashion
International Affairs
International Business
Journalism
Management
Marketing
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Mathematical Economics
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Meteorology
Military Leadership
Music Organizational Leadership
Performing Arts
Philosophy
Photojournalism
Physics
Political Science
Psychological Science
Psychology
Public Health
Public Relations
Recreation Administration
Science and Mathematics Education
Social Studies
Social Work
Sociology
Special Education
Theatre
Visual Arts

Online Programs

1. Criminology
2. Computer Information Technology
3. Family & Consumer Sciences, Child Studies
4. Family & Consumer Sciences, Family Studies
5. Health Care Administration
6. Health Sciences
7. Interdisciplinary Studies
8. Organizational Leadership
9. Sociology
10. Systems Management
11. Technology Management