# 2025 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States

#### **VSCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

PROGRAM:	Certificate in Regenerative Entrepreneurship For more information on the program please visit: <a href="https://uci.ac.cr/en/certificado-emprendimiento-regenerativo">https://uci.ac.cr/en/certificado-emprendimiento-regenerativo</a>
MODALITY:	100% Online synchronous with asynchronous access to resources and asynchronous catch-up, with synchronous and asynchronous support.
APPLICATION DEADLINE	Extended Deadline: August 31, 2025
LANGUAGE:	Spanish-English with live translation
<b>DURATION:</b>	11 months
CALENDAR:	Classes begin: November 5, 2025
BENEFITS:	<ul> <li>Tuition discounts ranging from 30%, 50% and 90% to the top-ranked candidates.</li> <li>Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. To receive and keep these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.</li> </ul>

## ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the <u>Organization of American States</u> (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.

<u>University for International Cooperation</u> (UCI) – Thirty-one years of excellence make the University for International Cooperation (UCI) the perfect choice for regenerative entrepreneurship.

- ➤ The UCI is the first university in the Latin-American and Caribbean region to have a Certificate in Regenerative Entrepreneurship accredited by the Global Accreditation Center (GAC) from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI).
- > Through UCI's training and guidance, more than 5800 graduates in 40 countries around the world are making better enterprises for a regenerative future.
- The Certificate in Regenerative Entrepreneurship at the University for International Cooperation is committed to bringing world-class faculty, innovative online training, and real-world experience together to shape the professionals with leadership, technical and strategic capacities that will manage enterprises that are shaping our future.

### **▼** ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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#### Student/Applicant's profile

The Certificate is for a wide range of people interested in the development of regenerative systems and entrepreneurship. It brings together a variety of professionals in the private commercial sector, public sector officials, and community wellbeing generators in the commons sector. The program attracts a wide range of ages from youth to seniors at different stages of their academic development. This rich variety of characters that the Certificate attracts is intertwined by a variety of common interests that revolve around bringing about transformations in service to life, both internally and externally. The participants manifest a profound disenchantment with prevailing economic, cultural, and political systems that offer a fundamentally dystopian vision of the future, outright subjugating Nature and dehumanizing humanity.

#### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests<sup>1</sup>. To apply for admission, please fill out the admission form at:

- Spanish: <a href="https://conocimiento.uci.ac.cr/becas-oea-uci">https://conocimiento.uci.ac.cr/becas-oea-uci</a>
- English: <a href="https://conocimiento.uci.ac.cr/becas-oea-uci-en">https://conocimiento.uci.ac.cr/becas-oea-uci-en</a>).

When filling out the form, in "PLEASE SELECT THE PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING FOR" section, make sure to choose the "Certificate in Regenerative Entrepreneurship." The following documents are necessary to obtain admission to the program:

- a) Copy of passport with at least six-month validity.
- b) Resume
- c) Motivation letter

<sup>1</sup> Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of a degree or diploma or certificate awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.

<u>University Contact Information:</u> Applicants should contact the Global Admissions Office at <a href="mailto:info@uci.ac.cr">info@uci.ac.cr</a> for more information on the program. Please make sure to write in subject: "Certificate in Regenerative Entrepreneurship"

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- > To be considered for an OAS UCI scholarship, applicants must be admitted into the program of study by the UCI.
- > Applicants must follow the UCI admission process and present all requested documents to the UCI.
- > By being admitted to the program of study, the applicant will automatically be considered as a candidate for the OAS-UCI scholarship.

#### ▼ 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

- ✓ Remaining tuition (ranges from USD \$550 USD \$2,050 based on scholarship offer and installment plan selected).
- ✓ Applicable registration and enrollment fees USD\$300.
- ✓ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-UCI Scholarship offer, such as the end of program Physical Encounter (between USD \$700 and USD \$1100).

These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients that will be accountable for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to the UCI.

# **V** ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be admitted into the program of study by the UCI; and
- > Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any OAS member state, except Costa Rica.
  - Los solicitantes de Argentina deben llenar un formulario requerido mediante el siguiente enlace; <a href="http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc">http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc</a> y enviarlo a las Oficinas Nacionales de Enlace (ONE) in Argentina.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship recipients;
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and
- 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.
- ✓ Gender diversity.
- ✓ Motivation to take the program.

### **▼** SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

**Selection** UCI and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the <u>criteria</u> listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in **October 2025** via <u>www.oas.org/scholarships</u>.

**Notification** The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. Applicants who are not selected candidates 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/UCI 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 UCI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UCI.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should not have unsatisfactory 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, the OAS and UCI 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 UCI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## **▼** SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to <a href="mailto:Scholarships@oas.org">Scholarships@oas.org</a> with the subject "OAS-UCI Scholarship Program."

## **▼** FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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