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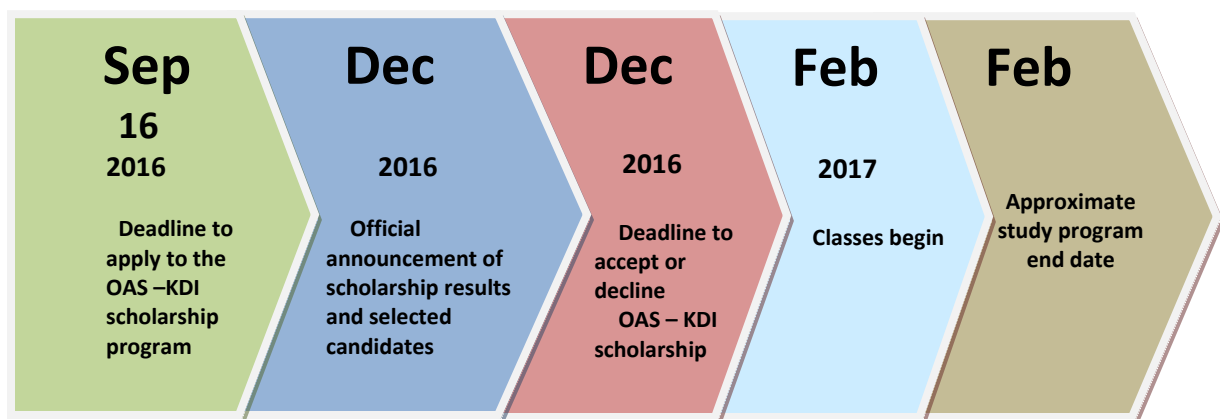KDI School of Public Policy and Management

# KDI School – OAS
# 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and KDI School of Public Policy and Management, through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering up to **four (4)** scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas, to participate in Graduate Programs at KDI in the Republic of Korea.

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| **PROGRAMS:** | Master of Public Policy<br>Master of Development Policy<br>Master of Public Management |
| **MODALITY:** | Onsite |
| **LANGUAGE:** | English |
| **DURATION:** | 1 year |
| **DEADLINES:** | Scholarship application: September 16, 2016 |
| **BENEFITS:** | Full tuition waiver and monthly stipend between $833 USD and $1,000 USD/month |

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Sep 16 2016**
Deadline to apply to the OAS –KDI scholarship program

**Dec 2016**
Official announcement of scholarship results and selected candidates

**Dec 2016**
Deadline to accept or decline OAS – KDI scholarship

**Feb 2017**
Classes begin

**Feb**
Approximate study program end date

# ABOUT KDI AND THE OAS

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

The General Secretariat is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), the General Secretariat 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, the 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.

**KDI School of Public Policy and Management Information**

KDI School of Public Policy and Management was founded in December 1997, under the auspices of the Korean Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development. The School has two overarching missions – to produce international experts with theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of development economics and public policy, and to foster future leaders who can cope with the rapidly changing international environment, and exercise global leadership in every sector of our society.

KDI School currently offers three Master degree programs: Public Policy (MPP), Development Policy (MDP), and Public Management (MPM), and two Doctorate degree programs (Public Policy and Development Policy). Among the three Master level programs, MPP was accredited by NASPAA in 2014, and KDI School is currently in the process of getting the MDP and MPM programs accredited by NASPAA as well.

The School also offers great diversity, accepting approximately with more than 1,400 international alumni members, spread across more than 110 countries around the world. KDI School accepts roughly 350 students each year, of which 50% consists of international students from roughly 80 countries around the world. Most students come from the public sector (e.g. government officials, public corporation employees) and the majority benefit from extensive scholarship schemes offered by various organizations, including KOICA.

# I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1. Student/Applicant's profile:** A bachelor's degree or equivalent, good command of English (all classes and assessments are conducted in English); work experience (preferred, not a requirement).

**2. Study Location/Modality:** Onsite in South Korea

**3. Study program start date**: February 2017

**4. Study program duration:** 12 months

**5. Approximate end date of the study program:** February 2018

**6. Language of instruction:** English

**7. Admission process:**

7.1 Before applying for admission, we encourage applicants to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests.

7.2 The student must possess a bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion of an undergraduate degree, prior to the date the application is submitted.

7.3 The deadline to apply for admission to the program is: **September 16, 2016.**

**IMPORTANT: Please review all the information in your application before its submission.**

## II. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND PROGRAM COSTS

### 1.  Benefits:

1.1  The scholarship will cover 100% of the tuition costs ($23,333 USD), subject to the academic performance of the student. To maintain the scholarship, recipients should not be reported with low academic performance for not attending class and/or for failing a course.

### 2.  Financial Responsibilities of Awardees:

2.1 Scholarship awardees will be responsible for covering all subsistence and medical insurance costs not included in this grant. The awardee will also be responsible for covering his/her own fees for school administrative services (certificates, issuing documents, etc.), admissions tests, graduation costs, legalization of documents, airfare, visa formalities, books and study materials, accommodation, and meals, as well as any other additional costs or expenses in which the awardee may incur and which are not covered in this call.

### 3.  Scholarship Application Process:

STEP 1      Gather the following documents, which must be attached to the OAS/KDI scholarship application form, in the following order:

1.   Copy of government issue passport (the copy must show your photo,name and expiration date

2.   Curriculum vitae or resume; please do not include certificates for professional development courses, workshops or similar courses.

3.   Certified copy of undergraduate diploma or degree certificate from the study university, certifying compliance with all academic requirements, including approval of final exams/thesis, if applicable.

4.   Copy of undergraduate academic transcripts of completed programs (must provide a record of

all the courses you have taken throughout the years of studing).

5.  KDI Statement of Purpose ([must use the official form](#)): explain your motivation and qualifications for pursuing your education at KDI School

6.  Two recommendation letters: from a university professor or from a current or most recent employer. The letter, must include the professor's/employer's position, contact information, date and signature, these letters should provide information abpout your performance in academic or professional settings. [Please use KDI official form](#).

7.  Employment Verification ([KDI School official form](#))

8.  Students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following documents to prove their English proficiency:

    I.    An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English-speaking university in the last five years; OR
    II.   A test on English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 580 or higher for the paper based test, 237 for computer-based test, or an internet-based (IBT) score of at least 80; OR
    III.  IELTS 6.5, or TOEIC, TEPS, OPIc or
    IV.   Equivalent

    *TOEFL or IELTS certificates must not be older than two years from date in which the application is submitted.*

    > **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, if required to do so.

**STEP 2**  Draft the following essays: (each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters and a maximum of 2,900 characters)

✓ **Essay 1:** Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills at your current job position or career.

✓ **Essay 2:** The OAS – KDI Scholarship requires recipients to return to any OAS member state of citizenship or legal residence, for 1 year upon completion of the studies. Please explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience to contribute to the development of your country or region. Moreover, please explain the reasons why you are applying to the scholarship, your financial need, and how you intend to cover additional expenses.

**STEP 3**  Complete and send the [OAS-KDI Scholarship Application Form](#), along with the documents listed in step 1, which should be attached in one single PDF document in the order specified in Step 1.

**STEP 4**  Evaluation and pre-selection process;.

Applications that meet all requirements and conditions established in this call will be subject to an evaluation and pre selection process, in accordance with the criteria set forth herein. This procedure will be executed by an evaluation committee made up of representatives from the scholarship

awarding parties, including, experts from the OAS known for their outstanding career and prestige in areas related to the discipline of the study program. The results of this evaluation committee will be final.

**Preselected candidates will be contact by OAS to follow STEP 6 and 7.**

The final results will be announced  tentative after December 19, 2016 at www.oas.org/scholarships.

**STEP 5**      The scholarship acceptance deadline will be during December. Only selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail with their official scholarship offer and further instructions on its acceptance.

**STEP 6**

**All the preselected contacted by OAS will begin the admission process for KDI**.

All pre-selected candidates by OAS committee will be contacted so they could follow up on the following KDI School process:

-KDI School Online application
-Document Submission (All required documents must arrive in one envelope at the KDI School admissions office no later than 6 p.m. on the deadline). All preselected candidates must be ready to send physical documents to KDI School via mail
-Interview: Those who pass the document review will receive a pre-interview call prior to the actual phone or Skype interview
-Registration: The admissions package will be sent to each admitted student by email and postal mail.
-Two photos (3cm x 4cm) if you have uploaded your photo on your online application you do not have to send your photos again.

**STEP 7**      Awardees prepare for the beginning of their study program: registering for classes, ordering course books, etc.

## 4.  Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

4.1  Letter of unconditional admission to KDI.

4.2  Hold a bachelor's degree and be currently employed in the public sector (Preferably 6 years of work experience).

4.3  The awardee must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from KDI, for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2016 OAS-KDI application.

4.4  Only citizens and/or permanent legal residents of OAS member states will be eligible.

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

4.6  No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or KDI and the PAEC OAS-KDI awardees. Similarly, the OAS and KDI shall not assume any type of liability for the student, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period.

## 5  Scholarship selection criteria

5.1. Academic merit and overall credentials, including the candidate's academic and professional background;

5.2. Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account national needs as per the United Nations' Development Program Human Development Index;

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. Selected awardees must complete and sign the "Scholarship Acceptance Form" and return it to the DHDEE via email to dcabrera@oas.org with a copy to mfsilva@oas.org.

6.2. Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this form.

6.3. Comply with all academic guidelines and requirements for admission and permanence, requested by KDI and follow any updates made to these standards by KDI academic authorities.

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 a low academic performance (GPA lower than 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.

6.6. Applicants with special needs/disabilities should ensure that KDI has the physical, communication skills, necessary technology, capacity and services infrastructure for their full inclusion and retention in the program, before applying to the OAS-KDI scholarship .

6.7. The scholarship can be declined by the awardee up until a week before the starting date of the program, in order to avoid financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date, without proof of force majeure, the OAS and KDI may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship, at the time in which the declination is processed.

6.8. Awardees must commit to return to work in their country of origin or legal residence; in one of the OAS member states; or at an international organization, for at least the same length of the duration of the scholarship. If the awardee fails to comply with this commitment, the OAS and KDI may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship, at the time in which the declination is processed.

6.9. The awardee must obtain a student visa from South Korea , if necessary, and cover any costs incurred in this process.

6.10.    Neither the OAS or KDI assume any liability arising from the acceptance or rejection of the KDI degree by the government entity, within the country of origin of the awardee.

# APPLY NOW!
**OAS/KDI Scholarship Application Form**

# For more information: **www.oas.org/scholarships**