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**Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training**

## PRESS RELEASE

**CALL FOR 2025 OAS-THE WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the Western Illinois University (WIU) in the United States have decided to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following academic scholarships to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies.

**SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

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| **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES** | Undergraduate Programs  Graduate Programs |
| **MODALITY** | Onsite, Online, Hybrid (United States): |
| **LANGUAGE** | English |
| **DURATION** | 2 – 4 years |
| **APPLICATION DEADLINE** | University admission and scholarship application:  Fall 2025: April 30, 2025  Open only to admitted students from OAS member states, except the United States, starting Fall 2025. |
| **BENEFITS** | * The Western Illinois University will offer partial supplemental scholarships based on academic performance for its undergraduate and graduate programs with the opportunity to earn additional scholarships and assistantships. * WIU will waive the application fee for OAS candidates   The OAS, through WIU, will provide a one-time supplementary amount of USD $1,000 to support tuition and fees for scholarship recipients.  **Please note that significant residual tuition and other costs after the scholarship(s) deduction remain the responsibility of the student.** |

**Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and subject to the availability of funds. To receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient must not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.**

For additional information on this scholarship offer, interested applicants should visit [https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2025/2025-OAS-The-WIU-Scholarship-Programme-Announcement.pdf](https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2025/2025-OAS-The-WIU-Scholarship-Program-Announcement.pdf).

WIU offers over 100 innovative undergraduate and graduate degree level integrated programmes, pre-professional programmes, and certificate programmes available at the following link: <https://www.wiu.edu/academics/>

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* Interested undergraduate students have the option to begin all programmes online with the application of academic scholarship.
* Acceptance of CAPE and Caribbean College credits with a 2+1+2 or 2+2+1 format for CAPE/Caribbean Colleges (Two years college or CAPE one or two years online + two or one year on campus resulting in Savings in cost of living).
* No SAT required for The Bahamas students and no Standardized tests for transfer students who have completed at least one year of college.
* OAS Scholarship applicable to fully online degrees.
* Articulation agreements with CXC and ALL Caribbean Colleges.
* Study Abroad Programmes operational or planned for Ecuador, Argentina, Grenada, Costa Rica.
* The WIU will inform of its other university partners that offer scholarships and training benefits to citizens of OAS Member States.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

* Applicants may contact the Centre for Global Students through Associate Vice President, Dr. Randy Glean at [r-glean@wiu.edu](mailto:r-glean@wiu.edu). Please note: Commitment of significant personal funds is necessary to facilitate enrollment
* Applicants must be admitted to Western Illinois University to be considered for the OAS-WIS Scholarship through the university

**EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Expenses not covered by this scholarship, falling under the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are as follows:

a) remaining tuition cost;

b) application fees;

c) health insurance;

d) housing costs;

e) books and study materials; and

f) any charges not expressly covered by this scholarship.

Questions regarding this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) under the title "OAS-Western Illinois University Scholarship Programme", or to Center for Global Studies at the Western Illinois University at Center for Global Studies – WIU, <https://www.wiu.edu/global_studies/> .

**The Deadline for the submission of applications is April 30, 2025.**

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**March 17, 2025**

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