



2024 OAS-UTEP PAEC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in the United States have come together to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following academic scholarship to assist graduate students.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:	Graduate
MODALITY:	Onsite, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	1 - 4 years
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	University admission and Scholarship consideration Fall 2024: September 13, 2024
BENEFITS:	OAS will provide a one-time supplementary amount of USD 2,000 to support tuition and fees during the first year of the scholarship program for scholarship recipients. UTEP shall offer recipients available tuition waivers.

The receipt of scholarship benefits is subject to the scholarship recipient's satisfactory academic performance and the funds' availability. To receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient must not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The General Secretariat of the OAS (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), the GS/OAS supports [Member States](#) in creating policies and implementing programs that promote the development of human capabilities at all educational levels. By enabling educational opportunities for citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security within the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this by (i) supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve quality and equity in education; and (ii) helping the citizens of the Americas to develop their full potential by providing them with access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the living standards of individuals, families, and communities in the region.

[The University of Texas at El Paso](#) is America's leading Hispanic-serving university, with a student body that is 84% Hispanic. It enrolls more than 24,000 students in 169 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in 10 colleges and schools. With more than \$109 million in total annual research expenditures, UTEP is an R1 research university - a designation given to the top 5% of colleges and universities nationally and ranked sixth in Texas for federal research expenditures at public universities. UTEP is a comprehensive, public research university that continues increasing access to excellent higher education.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

1. OAS and UTEP Process

- To be considered for an OAS-UTEP PAEC Scholarship, students must be admitted or registered in a program of study at UTEP to start during the Fall of 2024.
- Applicants must follow the OAS-UTEP PAEC scholarship process.
- The applicant must submit all supporting documents as required for consideration.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For guidance on the scholarship program, please get in touch with Scholar@utep.edu

2. OAS-UTEP PAEC Scholarship Application

Upon admission to a program of study at UTEP to start during the Fall of 2024, the applicant will automatically be considered a candidate for the OAS-UTEP PAEC scholarship.

3. Selection of OAS-UTEP Scholarship Recipients

The scholarship review committee will select the scholarship recipients. The criteria that will be considered in awarding the scholarships include the following:

- Geographic distribution of the candidates, considering the most important needs of the Member States, according to the Human Development Index reported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Academic profile, merit, and academic credentials
- Applicant's potential impact on the completion of the study program

4. Scholarship Acceptance Process

- Selected applicants will be contacted by OAS via email which will include the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance.
- Once the candidate has accepted the scholarship offer, the scholarship recipient must contact UTEP for the next steps in the process.

5. Publication of OAS-UTEP PAEC Scholarship Results

The publication of the results of the selected candidates will be made available at www.oas.org/scholarships by **September 2024**. OAS will contact selected applicants by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for acceptance of the scholarship. Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by this scholarship are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient:

- remaining cost of tuition and fees;
- application fee;
- health insurance;
- housing and food;
- books and supplies;
- any additional fees not covered by the OAS-UTEP PAEC Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be admitted or registered for the Fall 2024 semester at UTEP;
- Be classified as an international student at UTEP;
- Hold a passport from or maintain legal residence in any of the following OAS member states: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.
 - Applicants who have resided in **Argentina** must complete the following form: <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and submit it to Argentina's National Liaison Office (ONE).

The following applicants are **not** eligible:

- Current OAS Scholarship recipients
- GS/OAS staff and their immediate family members or GS/OAS consultants.
- Permanent OAS staff members and their immediate family members.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected scholarship recipients have signed an OAS/UTEP Acceptance Form, in which the recipients officially accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- Refrain from engaging in activities that are incompatible with being an OAS Scholarship recipient, following the rules outlined in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all UTEP academic guidelines and admission requirements and adhere to any updates to those guidelines and requirements made by UTEP.
- Comply with the provisions of the "Financial Responsibilities of Awardees"
- In order to retain the scholarship, scholarship recipients must not be reported with poor academic performance (GPA must be equivalent to a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale), due to absences from the program and/or failing courses.
- The scholarship recipient may decline the scholarship prior to the program start date without financial penalty. However, if the scholarship is declined after funds are awarded, the OAS and UTEP may require the scholarship recipient to repay all funds awarded under the scholarship at the time the relinquishment is processed.
- Commitment to return to their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS Member States, or in an international organization, for the duration of the scholarship. If this commitment is not fulfilled, the GS/OAS may request reimbursement of the full amount of the scholarship awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions regarding this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org under the title "OAS-UTEP Scholarship Program".



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