



2026 Scholarship Opportunity

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and The University of Northern Iowa (UNI) in the United States want to support outstanding individuals from the Americas by awarding the following academic scholarships to continue their studies.

AT A GLANCE

Program	PAEC OAS-UNI Scholarship Program
Modality	Onsite
Language	English
Duration	+ Certificate: 1 semester + Graduate: 2 years (on average) + CIEP English: 8 weeks
Benefits	+ Unlimited scholarships for the Certificate Programs + Ten (10) Scholarships for the Graduate Programs + Twenty (20) scholarships for the CIEP English Program
Calendar	+ Application Deadline: April 17, 2026 (Graduate), Rolling Deadline (Certificate / CIEP) + Publication of Results: June 2026 + Start of Study Programs: August 24, 2026

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	
ENGLISH PROGRAMS	Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP)
CERTIFICATES	Entrepreneurship, Sustainability
GRADUATE PROGRAMS	Accounting (MACC) Applied Engineering (MS), Biology (MS), Communication and Media (MA), Recreation Administration (MA), Educational Psychology (MAE), English (MA), Geography (MA), Mathematics (MA), Music (MM/MA), Kinesiology & Sports Performance (MA), Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and TESOL/Spanish (MA), Technology (MS), Women's & Gender Studies (MA)

DETAILS						
Program	Language	Duration	Program Start Dates	Tuition & Fees	Funding	Overall Tuition Cost (cost does not include room & board, health insurance, or personal expenses)
Certificates	English	1 semester	August and January	\$11,179.50 per semester	\$4,500	\$6,680 per semester
Graduate	English	2 years (Average)	August	\$23,647 per year	\$11,702	\$11,945 per year
CIEP (English)	English	8 weeks	August, October, January, March and June	\$2,750 per 8-week session	\$1,375	\$1,375 per 8-week session

Graduate Funding: OAS graduate students will receive a 10-hour Graduate Assistantship as part of the OAS-UNI partnership, and the 10-hour Graduate Assistantship includes an additional \$3,090 stipend per year.

Disclaimer: Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Final tuition and fees will not be determined until June 2026.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the opportunity to apply:

- Be a new applicant interested in studying the programs identified above
- Be a citizen or legal resident of any OAS [Member States](#), except the United States.
- Be on an F1 student visa.

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ⊗ Current OAS or OAS-UNI scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff, consultants, or their immediate relatives
- ⊗ OAS Permanent Mission officials and their immediate relatives.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete an application for admission at www.intladm.uni.edu/apply and submit all supporting documents.
 - a. Graduate and certificate studies require the submission of academic transcripts, proof of English proficiency, and program-specific requirements. More information on the CIEP application can be found at www.ciep.uni.edu.
2. All programs require students to submit the Financial Guarantee before receiving immigration documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

University admission and scholarship application priority deadline: **Fall 2026: April 17, 2026.**

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

In addition to the tuition reduction listed above, OAS students will qualify for a waiver of the application fee, airport pick-up fee, and orientation fee (total waived fees: \$325). OAS students will have access to extracurricular activities, including field trips, social and cultural activities, service-learning opportunities, the Conversation Partners program, host families, and community visits, at NO COST.

Applicants can also be considered for other university competitive scholarships beyond those listed below if they apply and qualify.

The OAS will provide a one-time allowance of USD 2,000 to support tuition for selected scholarship recipients. Scholarship benefits are subject to the recipient's academic performance and the availability of funds.

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship recipients are responsible for:

- Remaining tuition and institutional fees
- Immigration and visa costs
- Housing, meals, health insurance, and personal expenses
- Study and research materials
- Round-trip airfare
- Any additional costs not included in the scholarship offer

Applicants can also apply for the Rowe Fund, an OAS educational loan program that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States **by awarding interest-free loans of up to USD 15,000.** [Rowe Fund](#)

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATIONS

Scholarship recipients will be selected jointly by the OAS and UNI based on:

- Academic and professional merit
- Leadership potential and expected impact upon return
- Gender diversity
- Geographic distribution of the candidates, taking into account the most important needs of the Member States, according to the Human Development Index reported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Selected candidates will be notified by email. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted. Results will be published by June 2026.

RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS:

Scholarship recipients must formally accept the award by signing the OAS/UNI Acceptance Form, comply with all academic, financial, and conduct requirements, and maintain a good academic standing. Recipients are expected to uphold the standards of the OAS Scholarship Program, meet university regulations, and fulfill all financial responsibilities not covered by the scholarship. The scholarship may be declined before the program starts without penalty; however, late withdrawal without valid justification may require reimbursement of funds. Awardees must also commit to returning to work in their country of study for a period equal to the scholarship duration, or risk repayment of the full scholarship value.

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS:

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), the 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 as a whole.

University of Northern Iowa

The University of Northern Iowa (UNI) is a medium-sized regional public university that was founded as a teacher's college ("normal school") but has grown into a comprehensive university that offers 90 undergraduate and 50 graduate programs. UNI has been recognized as a "Best Business School" with AACSB accreditation and is also known for strong programs in education, natural sciences, social sciences, and the arts and an accredited Culture and Intensive English Program. Almost all UNI students gain experience in the field before they graduate through internships, research, or student club participation. As a result, 96% of UNI students reported being employed or in graduate school within six months of graduating. As a medium-sized university, it has a small-school atmosphere, with only an average of 27 students per class, and is in a friendly university community. The 370-hectare park-like campus features more than 65 major buildings within a 10-minute walking distance of each other and was found to be one of the safest campuses in the U.S.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- **UNI – Admission**
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- **OAS Scholarship Inquiries**
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