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**OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME – ORGANISATION
OF AMERICAN STATES**

- **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, February 8, 2024** – In an initiative to foster development and educational excellence, the Organisation of American States, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, is delighted to announce the commencement of the OAS scholarship programme to aid eligible citizens in pursuing undergraduate and graduate academic studies.

The OAS-sponsored scholarship aims to support and empower individuals with the passion and potential to excel in their chosen programme of study at academic institutions in OAS Member States. The scholarships cover a wide range of disciplines, providing a unique opportunity for citizens to advance their education and contribute to the development of their nation.

The 2024 scholarship cycle shall operate on the following basis:

- The Professional Development Scholarship Programme (PDSP) rules shall be applied to the Academic Scholarship Programme, as pertains to the announcement, application and selection process, as well as the Scholarship Selection committee, as contained in the Manual of Procedures (CIDI/doc.61/13).
- Scholarships are tenable at academic institutions in all Member States, including those participating in the OAS Consortium Universities.
- A maximum limit of US\$ 10,000 is established on the total cost per scholarship per academic year for a minimum of one (1) and no more than two (2) academic years.

- One (1) undergraduate scholarship shall be offered to OAS member states of the English-speaking Caribbean and Suriname.
- One (1) graduate scholarship shall be offered to each OAS member state.

The criteria for the ideal candidate include:

- Only complete applications shall be accepted.
- Applications for online programmes of study shall be prioritized at the time of scholarship selection.
- Eligible candidates must be enrolled as full-time students in the programme of study for which the scholarship is being applied for between January 1st and December 31st, 2024.
- Scholarship selection and disbursement of scholarship funds shall take place in the second semester of 2024.
- Scholarship offers and awards are subject to the availability of OAS funds.

For more information, interested persons are encouraged to visit the Personnel Department or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (Multilateral Unit) at (784) 456-2067/ 456-2060.

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