



Organization of
American States



**OAS – Dowling Scholarship Opportunities
under the
OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the Dowling College of are offering 20 academic scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to further their education through the following program:

Advanced Certificate Program	Program Start Date	Program Duration
Computers for Education (Instructional Technology)	August 1 st , 2011	10 Months

About the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Dowling College (Dowling)

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Culture (DHDEC), 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, DHDEC strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEC does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education while enhancing and highlighting the contribution of their diverse cultures to economic, social, and human development; 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.

Dowling College

Dowling College is an independent comprehensive educational institution in the liberal arts tradition whose mission is to provide their students with a well-rounded education based upon innovative teaching, informed and engaging research, and a commitment to democratic citizenship with a community service component. They foster an open and supportive learning environment that is based upon collaboration between a committed and supportive expert faculty and a student body diverse in its interests, beliefs, culture, ethnicity, and geographic origin. They recognize learning as a lifetime endeavor, particularly as it relates to globalization. The college upholds its educational mission through teaching, learning and research in the arts, sciences and professions such as education, business and aviation, and by providing members of the community and Dowling alumni with opportunities for continuing education.

I. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Detailed information about the **Computers for Education (Instructional Technology)** program is available through the following link: <http://www.dowling.edu/academics/secert.shtml#acicie>

1. APPLICANTS' PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

The Dowling College Advanced Certificate in Computers in Education enriches the instructional strategies of teachers and higher education educators and provides them with the ability to incorporate a variety of technological activities into their daily instructional plans. Teachers learn new and exciting processes that students can use to enhance learning within the classroom, the library and at home.

2. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION DEADLINE AND PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS:

The application for admission deadline of this program is **June 1st, 2011**.

Information about the university's application process of this Program is provided in the following link: <http://www.dowling.edu/online/>

3. STUDY VENUE/ MODALITY:

This program will be delivered online through the University's online platform with a mandatory on-site component.

4. LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:

English

5. College CONTACT:

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II. ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. BENEFITS:

Dowling shall reduce the cost of tuition, computer devices and accommodation of each OAS scholarship recipient registered in the program to US\$8,765 for a total of 20 students. The OAS shall cover the amount of US\$2,000 of the tuition cost of the top 5 ranked scholarship recipients. These 5 Scholarship recipients will have out-of-pocket costs of US\$6,765 for tuition; which includes the cost of embedded computer and devices and 12 days accommodation for educational technology practicum residency. The next ranked 15 candidates will be entitled to the aforementioned reduced cost of US\$8,765 for tuition offered by the College; as well as the cost of embedded computer and devices and 12 days accommodation for educational technology practicum residency offered by the College.

The scholarship recipient will be responsible for all remaining costs associated with the Program including:

- remaining tuition fees
- mandatory university fees;
- round trip air fare;
- cost of books and material;
- health insurance;
- subsistence;

- United States Visa Charges (if applicable).

Dowling offers a payment plan to assist with the cost of tuition and mandatory university fees only. Interested persons are asked to discuss this plan with the College contact.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All Applicants must:

- Be citizens or permanent residents of an OAS member country, except United States¹.
- Hold at least a Bachelors Degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Have work experience in related field
- Possess basic computer and internet skills
- Have good command of English, with documentary evidence, if not the native language. Applicants for whom English is not the first or native language should submit one of the following to verify English proficiency:
 - An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years
 - A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 or higher for the paper based test, 215 for computer-based test or 90 for internet-based test; IELTS 5.5, or the equivalent

3. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS:

Citizens or permanent residents of the country of study, in this case the United States, cannot apply for this scholarship opportunity

Staff members of the General Secretariat, persons under performance contracts with the General Secretariat, staff members of the permanent missions to the OAS, and their relatives are not eligible for OAS academic scholarships

4. SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Required documents:

- Letter of admission to the Program
- Completed [OAS Scholarship Application Form](#)
- Copy of the transcript of the latest degree obtained
- Updated resume
- One letter of recommendation of current or most recent employer

Applicants should complete and submit the [OAS Scholarship Application Form](#) and the required documents (above) in **English and PDF format no later than June 30th, 2011**, via e-mail to nduncan@oas.org, with copy to jhoogdorp@oas.org, with the subject matter: "OAS-Dowling Scholarships".

5. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

Scholarships shall be granted based on the following criteria:

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background, and
- An extensive and equitable geographic distribution for the benefit of all member states that takes into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies.

¹ No OAS scholarship shall be awarded to an individual for academic studies, research or professional development training in the OAS member state of which the individual is a national or permanent resident.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS:

All Scholarship Recipients must:

- Fulfill all requirements of the program for which the OAS-Dowling scholarship is awarded
- Confirm their acceptance of the scholarship award by signing and returning to OAS DHDEC their completed form: "Acceptance of the Scholarship Award".
- Inform the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Culture at least one week before the program start date in the event he/she is unable to begin the program of study so that the scholarship may be offered to the next ranked candidate.
- Reimburse GS/OAS and Dowling the total amount of the scholarship costs if he/she declines the scholarship after the start of the program without compelling proof/reason.