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**Study in  
Belgium at  
the Vrije  
Universiteit  
Brussel**

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## ▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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), 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.

The [Vrije Universiteit Brussel](#) is a dynamic and modern university with four campuses in Brussels, the heart of Europe. Education at master level is taking place at the main Brussels Engineering, Sciences and Humanities Campus, home to seven faculties. At the Brussels Health Campus one can find the medical campus and the University Hospital. Education and research are of very high quality. VUB's research teams are internationally recognized in many disciplines of fundamental and applied research. The Vrije Universiteit Brussel is an internationally renowned research institution with many opportunities for graduate studies. The university offers master's degree programs in a wide array disciplines. For more information, visit [www.vub.eu](http://www.vub.eu) and watch presentation video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5Bv53ySDWo>.

## ▼ OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Recipients may pursue master's degrees in the following study areas:	11. <a href="#">Electrical Engineering</a> (22 months)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Physical and Land resources</a> (22 months)</li> <li>2. <a href="#">Business and technology</a> (22 months)</li> <li>3. <a href="#">International Business</a> (22 months)</li> <li>4. <a href="#">Business Engineering: Business and Technology</a> (22 months)</li> <li>5. <a href="#">Educational Science</a> (22 months)</li> <li>6. <a href="#">Architectural Engineering</a> (22 months)</li> <li>7. <a href="#">Biomedical Engineering</a> (22 months)</li> <li>8. <a href="#">Chemical and Materials Engineering</a> (22 months)</li> <li>9. <a href="#">Civil Engineering</a> (22 months)</li> <li>10. <a href="#">Electromechanical Engineering</a> (22 months)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <a href="#">European Master of Science in photonics</a> (22 months)</li> <li>13. <a href="#">Geography</a> (22 months)</li> <li>14. <a href="#">Linguistics and Literary Studies</a> (10 months)</li> <li>15. <a href="#">Computer Science</a> (22 months)</li> <li>16. <a href="#">Applied Computer Science</a> (22 months)</li> <li>17. <a href="#">Biology</a> (22 months)</li> <li>18. <a href="#">Molecular Biology</a> (22 months)</li> <li>19. <a href="#">Biomolecular Science</a> (22 months)</li> <li>20. <a href="#">Chemistry</a> (22 months)</li> <li>21. <a href="#">Physics and Astronomy</a> (22 months)</li> <li>22. <a href="#">Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management</a> (22 months)</li> <li>23. <a href="#">Communication Studies – New Media and Society in Europe</a> (10 months)</li> <li>24. <a href="#">Communication Studies – Journalism and Media in Europe</a> (10 months)</li> </ol>
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Onsite in Brussels, Belgium	
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English	
<b>DURATION:</b>	1–2 Years	
<b>DEADLINE:</b>	Application deadline: <b>April 16, 2018</b>	
<b>START DATE</b>	September 2018	
<b>END DATE</b>	Varies based upon study area: 1 year (June 2019) or 2 years (June 2020)	
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	Full tuition costs for the top ranked applicants	
<b>Eligible OAS Member States</b>	Citizens of all OAS Member States.	

# ▼ APPLICATION PROCESS

## Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online >

- To apply for this educational opportunity, applicants must fill out the OAS online application form and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation. The list of required documents can be found through the link below.
- **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.

[Click Here for the Online Educational Opportunity, Application Form and List of Supporting Documents](#)

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

## ▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Selected master's candidates will be required to apply through the online system of VUB after accepting the educational offer.

### **Student/Applicant's profile**

- ✓ Holder of a university degree. Having a university degree does NOT automatically mean you will be admitted as a graduate student. The admission can be subjected to a preliminary examination and an investigation into the applicant's suitability.
- ✓ The ultimate decision about the eligibility for graduate study resides with the Faculty in which the studies will take place.
- ✓ Good command of English language
- ✓ Excellent academic credentials

### **Admission Process:**

- ✓ Before applying for this educational opportunity, students are encouraged to read the program's description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests<sup>1</sup>.
- ✓ Student can find more information on Master's degree programs by clicking on the links provided per program in the table on page 1 of this announcement.
- ✓ Applicants must have a bachelor's degree to apply for a master's degree program.

### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact the VUB International Relations and Mobility Office for more information on the graduate programs at [international.relations@vub.ac.be](mailto:international.relations@vub.ac.be).

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<sup>1</sup> Neither the OAS nor the University shall assume any responsibility arising from the acceptance or rejection of degree or diploma awarded by the University at educational institutions in the country of origin of the recipient.

## ▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS

- ✓ Tuition of 890-2950 EUR, if not among the top selected for a tuition fee waiver.
- ✓ Annual administration fee; estimated a 105€
- ✓ Immigration fees, estimated at €100
- ✓ Settling-in fees, estimated at €500
- ✓ Living expenses, estimated at €1000 per month
- ✓ Visa charge, estimated at €250
- ✓ Health insurance; estimated at 427€ (taxes excluded) per year
- ✓ Travel expenses
- ✓ Any other costs not mentioned.

- ✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the recipients and the recipients will be responsible for all costs not covered by this educational opportunity.
- ✓ The benefits are subject to the academic performance of the recipient. In order to receive these benefits, the recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this educational opportunity, an applicant must:

- Submit a complete application with all required supporting documents; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#).
  - Applicants from **Argentina** must fill out a required form through the following link; <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and send it to the [National Liaison Office \(ONE\)](#) in Argentina.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS recipients;
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

## ▼ SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- ✓ Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- ✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

## ▼ SELECTION PROCESS:

**Selection Committee** VUB and the OAS will select the awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the awardees will be published in June 2018 at [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships).

**Notification of selected candidates** The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the educational offer and instructions for the acceptance form. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

## ▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The educational opportunity will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed the Acceptance Form to formally accept the educational offer and agree to its terms and conditions.
- ✓ Applicants should take at least 6 weeks into account for their visa to be processed. Candidates will be required to show proof of sufficient funds to cover the expenses from a guarantor during the visa application process.
- ✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by VUB and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at VUB.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the educational offer, OAS recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- ✓ The educational offer can be declined by the recipient before the start date of the program of study without financial penalties. However, if she/he declines the educational offer after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and VUB may require the recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the offer.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent legal residence; in one of the OAS Member States; or at an international organization for at least the length of the duration of the educational opportunity. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or VUB could seek reimbursement for the total value of the educational opportunity awarded.

## ▼ CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject "OAS-VUB Educational Opportunity"

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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