



Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP)

**TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR<sup>1</sup>**

**Participant profile**

- Education and Experience: University degree in environmental science, law, business, economics or administration, international relations, or related fields preferably.

<b>Dates of the course:</b> June 26-30, 2017
<b>Modality:</b> Onsite
<b>Duration of the course:</b> 5 days
<b>Language of instruction:</b> English
<b>Benefits of the scholarship:</b> Round trip economy class airline tickets from country of origin or residence to place of study, up to US\$1,350.00. <i>Funds for terminal and in-transit expenses will NOT be provided.</i>  The Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS and American University Washington College of Law will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Scholarship for 50% of tuition (total tuition of \$1,000).</li><li>- It also includes the option to stay in the dormitories at American University for a discounted rate of approximately US\$75.00 to US\$95.00 per night for lodging (it depends on whether they choose to stay in a single or double).</li><li>- All materials and readings, and certificate issued by the DSD of the OAS and American University Washington College of Law.</li></ul>
<b>Deadline to Apply:</b> Please contact the <a href="#">ONE</a> in your country
<b>Certification:</b> Upon completing the one-week program, all participants will receive a certificate of attendance.
<b>Objective:</b> Train future leaders of developing countries to acquire the tools required to achieve a comprehensive overview of the issues of trade and environment in the context of the sustainable development agenda. Also, at the end of the course participants will have the skills to negotiate and implement international trade agreements that include provisions or have environmental implications with a

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view to sustainable development. The course is designed for students with a bachelor's degree seeking specialization in trade-environment issues.

**Benefits of the course:**

The course:

- promotes human capital development in the area of trade and the environment;
- provides in practical tools for identifying the intersections between trade and environment, the dimensions of international trade, ways of compliance and enforcement of environmental obligations;
- delivers the necessary tools for negotiating trade agreements related to the environment;
- allows the students to learn the fundamentals aspects for the implementation of treaties and agreements related to the environment through a simulation of a negotiation;
- creates an opportunity for integration and discussion towards the strengthening of regional cooperation networks in the area of trade and environment; and
- offers the participants a platform to share experiences and identify needs and opportunities for cooperation between them in the area of trade and environment.

**Course content:**

This Program will address the main issues on the agenda of trade and environment, from both a multilateral and regional perspective. Through a series of modules in the Program, important areas of trade law and international environmental law and domestic policy are highlighted with the technical issues involving the relationship between trade and environment.

**Day 1**

**Module I: Intersection between Trade and Environment**

**Module II: Trade and Environment – Law and Policy**

**Day 2**

**Module II: Trade and Environment – Law and Policy (continued)**

**Day 3**

**Module III: Environmental Dimensions of International Trade**

**Module IV: Enforcement of Trade-Related Environmental Obligations**

**Day 4**

**Module V: Negotiating Agreements**

**Module VI: Post-Negotiation Issues**

**Day 5**

**Negotiation Simulation Exercise**



### Teaching methodology:

The dynamics of the course use pedagogical methods in which theoretical presentations of the teacher are combined with the participation of the individual and group students, as well as the presentation of case studies and exercises in which the use of the analyzed problems is sought and assimilated.

This course will have a high content of readings that students must prepare every day before the course in order to enhance learning and assimilation of program contents.

At the end of the course the students must carry out a negotiation simulation exercise to put into practice All the theory assimilated during the course. With this, students are expected to apply what they have learned in a specific case.

Students are expected to develop professional skills by working on real problems and by encouraging group work and sharing experiences.

This course will adopt a strategy based on the methodology of problem based approach. Specifically, trade and environment-related policies will be studied and how these policies can be designed to address a range of trade-related environmental problems.

#### **Institution offering the course:**

##### **American University**

Washington College of Law  
4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC

##### **Organization of American States**

Department of Sustainable Development  
1889 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

#### **Coordinators:**

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#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of an [OAS Member State](#), with the exception of the United States of America since it is the host country (Permanent residents must send a copy of their visa).



- Hold a university degree in environmental science, law, business, economics or administration, international relations, or related fields preferably.
- Submit a Statement of Purpose which includes the priority of trade and environment in your field of work and how you intend to apply the knowledge acquired.
- Proficient in oral and written English. To be considered for admission, scores must be submitted from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS). **Exceptions may be made for applicants who hold a degree from a university located in a country in which English is the official language and also the language of instruction at the university. The minimum scores for admission consideration are:**

Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0

TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based test.

- Curriculum Vitae which includes personal information, academic background, work experience, references.
- The candidate's application should include a Statement of *Study and Development Objectives* explaining the reasons for which he/she should be considered as a candidate for the program and for the scholarship. **The Forms for the Recommendation and Statement of Objectives of Study are available in the following link:**  
[http://www.oas.org/es/becas/PDSP/Formularios\\_becas\\_PDSP.pdf](http://www.oas.org/es/becas/PDSP/Formularios_becas_PDSP.pdf)
- Submission of completed application form by the deadline set by the National Liaison Organization (ONE)<sup>2</sup>. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ascertain the deadline set by the ONE in his or her country of residence.**
- The [ONEs](#) in the [Member States](#) may have **additional eligibility requirements**. Please contact your country's [ONE](#) for more information.

## **Application Process**

1. SCAN **all required documents** [see above] into one single PDF file, no larger than 5MB, making sure that all documents are legible.
2. Complete the [Online Application](#), and upload the PDF file to your online application.

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<sup>2</sup> The deadline for presentation of applications to the (ONE) differs from country to country and should therefore be confirmed with the relevant ONE in the applicant's country of origin or permanent residence.



3. After submitting the online application, you will receive a confirmation email which contains your application in PDF format. Print the application and attach the required documents, and submit them to your ONE.

\* If you do not receive the confirmation email, after submitting your online application, please send an email to: [pdsp@oas.org](mailto:pdsp@oas.org)

**NOTE:** The OAS will download applications directly from its database. Please make sure to upload all required documents.

**Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible.**

The ONE will make an initial pre-selection of candidates. Applicants should make sure that the corresponding ONE physically receives all the required documents requested by both the OAS and ONE.

#### **Responsibilities of the scholarships recipients:**

- **In order to become scholarship recipients, the selected candidates must confirm their acceptance of the scholarship by signing and returning to the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment-DHDEE- their completed “form of acceptance of the scholarship award”;**
- If after accepting the scholarship, the scholarship recipient for whatever reason cannot attend the course, he or she must immediately notify the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the OAS;
- Scholarship recipients must communicate in writing to the OAS/DHDEE on which dates they will be able to travel as soon as they are notified of the award, so the OAS can make the necessary travel arrangements; Scholarship recipients are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa(s) to enter the country of study and the corresponding transit(s). **The OAS will not be responsible for any costs related to obtaining visas or transfer documentation;**
- Each scholarship recipient is responsible for arriving on time for the commencement of activities on the date established by the institution offering the course or program;
- If a selected candidate declines the scholarship after the air ticket has been bought without due authorization by the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment, or does not travel on the dates established, or changes route, he or she shall be responsible for defraying the cost of the air fare and for any further cost incurred as follows:
- If a selected candidate does not travel on the dates established or changes route after the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has bought the ticket, the candidate shall be responsible for paying **any difference in the air fare** needed to arrive in time for the start of the Course.
- A selected candidate shall **reimburse the total cost of the return ticket** from his or her country of residence to the country where the Course is held if, after the ticket has been purchased, he or she declines the scholarship without due authorization in writing from the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Employment. This shall include any additional expenditure incurred by the GS/OAS, such as extra accommodation expense during travel by the scholarship-holder from his



or her country of origin to the Country in which the Course is held.

- An awardee must **reimburse the total cost of all benefits received**, including the return air fare from/to his or her country of residence and the country hosting the Course and subsistence and other allowances, if she or he does not satisfy the minimum attendance requirement; except for reasons of force majeure duly and promptly notified to the Course coordinators.
- Selected candidates must confirm their acceptance to the OAS Coordinator of the course Oscar Ceville (oceville@oas.org) from the OAS Department of Sustainable Development.

### Contact Information

Any questions or inquiries related to the course should be directed to the coordinators of the course:

Questions or inquiries related to the scholarship process should be directed to:

Lucrecia Zea-Yonker  
Professional Development Scholarship Program  
[pdsp@oas.org](mailto:pdsp@oas.org)

### IMPORTANT

If you were awarded an OAS Professional Development Scholarship in the past twelve (12) months or if you currently hold an OAS Scholarship for Academic Studies, you are NOT eligible to apply for another OAS Professional Development Scholarship.

- These scholarships are subject to the availability of funds corresponding to the OAS Scholarships Capital Fund for the year 2017.