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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

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Masters of Law or Jurisprudence in:

**Global Food Law** 

### Intellectual Property, Information & Communication Law

# **Deadlines:**

Fall 2018: July 15, 2018 Spring 2019: October 15, 2018

Fall 2018: June 15, 2018 Spring 2019: October 15, 2018

# ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The General Secretariat of the OAS (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States.

- Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports <u>OAS Member States</u> 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.

<u>Michigan State University College of Law</u> (MSU-COL) is part of Michigan State University, one of the top 100 universities in the world, and one of the largest universities in the United States. The College of Law's degrees in Global Food Law, Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law and similar programs build upon MSU's academic pillars as a land-grant institution.

- Michigan State is at the forefront of research and academics related to agriculture and food production, marketing, packaging, and safety standards. The College of Law's Global Food Law program builds upon these strengths, focusing on the regulatory and legal aspects of the food industry.
- Global Food Law graduates gain a powerful set of legal skills and tools to navigate the complex standards of the industry, which vary from country to country.
- Program graduates are working in every aspect of the food industry, from research and development to regulatory and legal affairs in private firms, Fortune 100 companies, global nonprofits, academia and government agencies.
- The College's Intellectual Property, Information & Communications (IPIC) Law program offers multiple degree options for J.D. and non-JD students, including a Masters of Jurisprudence (M.J.) program for non-lawyers.
- The M.J. in IPIC allows professionals from any discipline to gain a deeper understanding of this critical field of law to enhance their careers. Students come from a variety of backgrounds, including the STEM fields, especially engineering, as well as design, communications, packaging, business, and multiple others.
- Students in the MJ in IPIC program benefit from MSU's variety of science programs and the cutting-edge research happening on campus, as well as collaboration with MSU's Technology Transfer Office, Office of the General Counsel, and Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection.
- On campus, MSU Law offers a Juris Doctor program, Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence programs in Intellectual Property, Information & Communication Law, a Master of Laws and Masters of Jurisprudence in the American Legal System, a Masters of Legal Studies, and an Advanced Standing J.D. program for foreign lawyers.

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Applicants are encouraged to contact the MSU College of Law Office of Graduate and International Programs for advising and information.

Program-specific information is available on the MJ-IPIC and Global Food Law websites. Visit MSU Law's Global Food Law program website: <u>http://globalfood.law.msu.edu/index.html</u> to read more about the program and its admission process. A video about the program is available by clicking <u>here.</u>

To learn more about MSU Law's program in Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law, visit <u>http://law.msu.edu/llm/ip/index.html</u> and view the following videos:

- 1. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8duIi\_xSzSI</u>
- 2. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnLKW6MIYcE</u>.

Please visit: <u>https://www.law.msu.edu/llm/index.html</u> to understand admission requirements for these programs of study.

Applicants can contact Ms. Carrie Feeheley, Assistant Dean for Admissions and International Programs, at <u>feehelec@law.msu.edu</u> for more information about the College's admission process and program details.

# **VSCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

PROGRAMS:	Master of Laws (LL.M) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) in Global Food Law	Masters of Jurisprudence in Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law (MJ-IP)
MODALITY:	Online through the College of Law virtual classroom, Desire2Learn.	Onsite at Michigan State University in Michigan, United States
LANGUAGE:	English	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	2 years (maximum of 5 years)	1 year
CALENDER:	The Admission Deadline Fall 2018: July 1, 2018 Spring 2019: October 1, 2018 OAS Scholarship Deadline Fall 2018: July 15, 2018 Spring 2019: October 15, 2018 Classes begin: Fall August 27, 2018 Spring – January 7, 2019	The Admission Deadline Fall 2018: June 1, 2018 Spring 2019: October 1, 2018 OAS Scholarship Deadline Fall 2018: June 15, 2018 Spring 2019: October 15, 2018 Classes begin: Fall August 15, 2018 Spring – January 7, 2019
BENEFITS:	<ul> <li>The College shall charge \$835 per credit hour for tuition for the duration of the Program</li> <li>The OAS shall provide a one-time subsistence allowance of USD \$3,000 to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition during the first year of the scholarship period.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The College shall charge USD \$16,000 for tuition for the duration of the Program</li> <li>The OAS shall provide a one-time subsistence allowance of USD \$3,000 to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition.</li> </ul>

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

# Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

- To apply for an OAS MSU scholarship, applicants must fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach ALL required supporting documentation. The list of required documentation can be found through the link below.
- ALL the required documents must be combined into <u>one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)</u>. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to summit 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 Scholarship Application Form and List of Supporting Documents

#### **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

# **EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<ul> <li>Master of Laws (LL.M) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) in Global Food Law</li> <li>Remaining program tuition and fees (approximately \$17,000);</li> <li>Books and study materials (approximately \$100/semester);</li> <li>A computer with sufficient internet connectivity to stream videos, presentations, and other online content, and to support online viewing of written course materials, as well as word processing; and</li> <li>Any additional fees not included in the OAS/MSU-COL Scholarship offer.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Masters of Jurisprudence in Intellectual Property, Information &amp; Communications Law (MJ-IP)</li> <li>Remaining program tuition and fees (approximately USD 13,000)</li> <li>Health Insurance;</li> <li>Books and study materials, including computer;</li> <li>Cost of living expenses;</li> <li>Air ticket;</li> <li>Visa and immigration fees;</li> <li>Any additional fees not included in the OAS/MSU-COL Scholarship offer.</li> </ul>
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- ✓ The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to MSU Law.
- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the <u>Rowe Fund</u> which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States.

# **VELIGIBILITY**

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

- Provide OAS with an admission letter from MSU-COL
  - This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students from OAS member states who are not an OAS-MSU Law scholarship recipient.
- Submit a complete scholarship application to OAS with all required supporting documents
- ▶ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any <u>OAS member state</u>, except the *United States*.
  - Applicants from Argentina must fill out a required form through the following link; <u>http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc</u> and send it to the <u>National Liaison Office</u> (ONE) in Argentina.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- $\otimes$  GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- $\otimes$  OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

# SCHOLARSHIP 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.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:**

Selection MSU-COL and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the <u>criteria</u> listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published July and November 2018 at <u>www.oas.org/scholarships</u>.

Notification of<br/>selected<br/>candidatesThe OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions<br/>for the scholarship acceptance. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.

# **VDUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:**

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/MSU-COLAcceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the  $\checkmark$ regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by MSU-COL and submit to  $\checkmark$ the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at MSU.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- Authorize MSU-COL (in writing) to release academic and other information to OAS so that OAS can monitor the  $\checkmark$ Scholarship recipient's academic performance. The form to complete this authorization will be provided by MSU Law.
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without  $\checkmark$ financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and MSU-COL may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS member  $\checkmark$ states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the MSU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

# **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:**

scholarships@oas.org Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to

# FOR MORE INFORMATION:

oas www.oas.org/scholarships