



# Study in the United States at the University of South Carolina Aiken



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## Deadlines:

- Fall 2018: June 30, 2018
- Spring 2019: October 15, 2018



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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 [University of South Carolina](#), the state's flagship university which was founded in Columbia in 1801, began offering courses in Aiken for students interested in completing their degrees in Columbia.

- USC Aiken became the fourth campus founded of the eight that would eventually comprise the USC System.
- Three full-time faculty members, a secretary, and 139 students joined for the university's first academic semester in September 1961. Classes took place in "Banksia," a former winter-colony mansion in downtown Aiken.
- Today, USC Aiken has ranked in the top three public baccalaureate colleges in the South by U.S. News & World Report's guide "America's Best Colleges" for nineteen consecutive years.
- More than 3,500 students attend the university, and approximately 500 students graduate each year.
- USC Aiken is "The University of Choice", providing bachelor's and master's degrees in 48 programs of study while delivering many of the offerings of a large university on a small, friendly campus with intimate class sizes and personal attention.
- The commitment to continuing partnerships is woven into the fabric of the campus' culture

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<a href="#">Undergraduate Degree</a> Programs as indicated in Annex 1
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Onsite in South Carolina, United States
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	Varies per program of study.
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<p><b>The university's admission:</b>  <b>To begin Fall 2018: June 15, 2018</b>  <b>To begin Spring 2019: September 30, 2018</b></p> <p><b>Scholarship application:</b>  <b>To begin Fall 2018: June 30, 2018</b>  <b>To begin Spring 2019: October 15, 2018</b></p>
<b>START DATE:</b>	Fall: August 24, 2018 Spring: January 2019
<b>END DATE:</b>	Varies per program of study.
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ USD \$250 per semester applicable to the Fall and Spring semesters each year;</li> <li>✓ In-state tuition cost;</li> <li>✓ USD \$4,000 one-time subsistence allowance to the top ranked candidates to help defray the cost of tuition at USC Aiken.</li> </ul>

### Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online >

- To apply for an OAS – USC Aiken 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 **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 Scholarship Application Form and List of Supporting Documents](#)

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

## ▼ APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

Applicants are encouraged to contact the USC Aiken Office of Admissions for more information, please go to the USC Aiken's website: <http://www.usca.edu/admissions/>

### **Student/Applicant's profile and Admission Process**

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit <http://www.usca.edu/admissions/> to understand admission requirements to the program of study.

### **University Contact Information**

Applicants can contact Mr. Andy Kabasele at [andyk@usca.edu](mailto:andyk@usca.edu) for more information about the university's admission process and program details.

## ▼ 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**

- ✓ In-state tuition (\$10,000 per year for 2017-18)
- ✓ on-campus housing (\$4,880 per year for 2017-18)
- ✓ meal plan (\$2,586 per year for 2017-18)
- ✓ textbooks (varies, averages approximately \$1,100 per year)
- ✓ international application fee (\$100 one-time only)
- ✓ international student service fee (\$300 one-time only)
- ✓ medical insurance (varies)
- ✓ personal living expenses (varies)
- ✓ OAS-USC Aiken Scholarship recipients are required to live in on-campus housing
- ✓ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-USC Aiken Scholarship offer.

- ✓ Applicants could also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#) which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the US by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.
- ✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs, which are subject to change based on the USC Board of Trustees decisions each academic year, as needed to USC Aiken.
- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship 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.
- ✓ Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship may qualify to receive additional funding from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program

- Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may only pursue the programs listed as priority areas for the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program.
- Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who do not apply to the OAS/Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program may pursue any of the programs of study included in the OAS-USC Aiken Scholarship announcement.
- Scholarship Recipients of Bahamian citizenship who receive scholarship funds through the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- ✓ Provide an unconditional admission letter from USC Aiken;
  - *This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current students at WKU who are from an OAS member state, except the United States, and are not an OAS-USC Aiken scholarship recipient.*
- ✓ Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- ✓ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except *The United States*.
  - 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 scholarship recipients;
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and
- ⊗ 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 Committee** USC Aiken and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in July and November 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 scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

## ▼ **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:**

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- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/USC Aiken Acceptance 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 regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by USC Aiken and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at USC Aiken.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance 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 financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and USC Aiken 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 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 USC Aiken could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## ▼ **SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject "OAS-USC Aiken. Scholarship Program"

## ▼ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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<https://twitter.com/OASscholarships>



<https://www.facebook.com/becasoea>

## ANNEX 1: List of Programs

Major	Bachelor's	Concentration	College / School
<a href="#">Biology</a>	BA/BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Biology</a>	BS	Env. Remediation and Restoration	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Biology</a>	BS	Molecular Biology	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Business Administration</a>	BS	Accounting	<a href="#">Business Administration</a>
<a href="#">Business Administration</a>	BS	Finance	<a href="#">Business Administration</a>
<a href="#">Business Administration</a>	BS	Management	<a href="#">Business Administration</a>
<a href="#">Business Administration</a>	BS	Marketing	<a href="#">Business Administration</a>
<a href="#">Chemistry</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Clinical Laboratory Science</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Communication</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Early Childhood Education</a>	BA		<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Elementary Education</a>	BA		<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">English</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Exercise and Sports Science</a>	BS	Allied Health	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Exercise and Sports Science</a>	BS	Basic Sciences	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Exercise and Sports Science</a>	BS	Fitness Management	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Fine Arts</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">History</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Industrial Process Engineering</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Industrial Mathematics</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Interdisciplinary Studies</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Interdisciplinary Studies</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Mathematics/Computer Science</a>	BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Social Studies / English	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Mathematics / English	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Mathematics / Science	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Mathematics / Social Studies	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Science / English	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Middle Level Education</a>	BA	Science / Social Studies	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Music Education</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Political Science</a>	BA		<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Psychology</a>	BA/BS		<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Psychology</a>	BA/BS	Neuroscience	<a href="#">Sciences and Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Sociology</a>	BA	General	<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Sociology</a>	BA	Criminology and Criminal Justice	<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Sociology</a>	BA	Human Social Services	<a href="#">Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Secondary Education</a>	BA	Biology	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Secondary Education</a>	BA	Chemistry	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Secondary Education</a>	BA	Mathematics	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Secondary Education</a>	BA	Comprehensive Social Studies	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Secondary Education</a>	BA	English	<a href="#">Education</a>
<a href="#">Special Education</a>	BA		<a href="#">Education</a>