Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Fund University of Oregon's Department of Global Studies

(IN COOPERATION WITH OREGON BUSINESSES AND FOUNDATIONS) 2022-2023 Academic Year | <u>Application Deadline: Friday</u>, October 31 at 4:30 pm **Submission:** Email completed application to <u>ociasundergrad@uoregon.edu</u>

WHAT IS THE OREGON CONSULAR CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

The Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) Oregon nonprofit corporation established to provide scholarships for junior and senior students in international studies related disciplines at participating Oregon universities and colleges. Presently, ten \$3000 scholarships are awarded annually to meritorious students at Lewis & Clark College, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon and University of Portland. Scholarship funds are dispersed to the student's college account and may be applied to cover the cost of tuition and/or travel expenses associated with approved study abroad or international internship activities. Beyond annual scholarships, the goal of the fund is to build a fund to support scholarships into the future for an expanded student population. The principal sources of funding come from the annual Celebrate Trade gala sponsored by partners from state and local government and businesses, and from charitable gifts to the endowment. Contributions to the fund may be deductible.

- For more info on the OCC Scholarship Fund, visit: Scholars Oregon Consular Corps (orconsularcorps.org)
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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship: two \$3,000 scholarships for University of Oregon Students majoring in Global (International) Studies. The Department of Global Studies requires applicants to meet the following requirements:

- Cumulative UO G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher
- Minimum of 8 credit hours GLBL/INTL coursework completed prior to 10/1/22 Accepted into the Global (International) Studies Major prior to 12/31/22
- Completed 90 total credit hours (junior class standing) prior to 12/31/22
- Maintain full-time student status during the 2022-23 academic year
- Note: Past recipients of the OCC Scholarship are not eligible to apply again.
- Note: Pre-majors are eligible to apply, but selection for an OCC award will be contingent upon being fully admitted to the Global Studies Major.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. A completed OCC Scholarship Application fillable form in Word format (included in this packet).
 - The application form requires a series of personal statements applicants will respond to each the following six items. Response for each item should be single spaced, 12-point font size, and no more than one-half page (250 words):
 - i. Why are you pursuing a degree in an international study related discipline?
 - ii. What career plans are you considering after graduation?
 - iii. What is your level of study and fluency in a foreign language or languages?
 - iv. Describe your extracurricular activities such as leadership, volunteer experience, or community involvement during your college years starting with your current or most recent experience.
 - v. Describe your past international experiences or future plans to gain this experience.
 - vi. Describe the obstacles you face in acquiring your degree in your international studies related discipline.
- 2. A current resume or CV
- 3. A copy of a current, unofficial UO transcripts, as printed off of Duckweb
- 4. **Two letters of reference** At least one letter should be from a UO faculty member with specific knowledge of your international study, international-related work experience, volunteer experience, or school work. Please have your reference letters sent directly to the UO email address on the Application Form: ociasundergrad@uoregon.edu

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ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be a Junior or Senior majoring in Global (International) Studies and in good academic standing; the scholarship will be used to help them complete their degree with a major in Global (International) Studies.

INSTITUTIONS: The scholarship is to be used for study at the University of Oregon.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Academic excellence, leadership capability, and community service are the primary criteria. The student must have a strong commitment to a career in an international study related field. Within the Department of Global Studies, financial need will also be considered where there are equally qualified candidates.

SELECTION PROCESS: The Global (International) Studies Department will appoint a faculty committee (chaired by the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies) to review applications and select up to five finalists. The five finalists will then be interviewed (when in person, in Portland, OR), by members of the Oregon Consular Corps scholarship committee, which will make the final selection of the scholarship recipients. When interviews are conducted in person, finalists will need to assume responsibility for travel to Portland in December where the final interviews will be conducted by Oregon Consular Corps staff in the UO White Stag Building. Interviews this year are likely to be conducted via Zoom.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS: The Department of Global Studies will aim to select a minimum of three and a maximum of five University of Oregon finalists that will go on to be evaluated by the Oregon Consular Corps. The Oregon Consular Corps will ultimately select scholarship recipients, awarding up to two scholarships each year to University of Oregon students. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$3,000. Scholarship funds will be dispersed to the student's UO account by the Oregon Consular Corps and may be applied to cover the cost of tuition and, or travel expenses associated with approved study abroad or international internship activities.

ENCOURAGING APPLICATIONS: Notices will be posted at the Universities before and during Fall Term each year. All persons meeting the Eligibility and Selection Criteria requirements are eligible to apply. A contact person at each University will be asked to identify at least two qualified students and to encourage their making application.

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by the Department of Global (International) Studies at the University of Oregon by October 31, 2022

Applications will be evaluated by the Faculty Scholarship Committee and University of Oregon finalists will be selected. Finalists will be contacted via email by the department by November 15, 2022.

The Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Selection Committee will then schedule interviews with finalists. Interviews will be conducted beginning December 1st and concluding December 15th. Interviews will take place in person at the university campuses in Portland, unless the interviews are conducted on a virtual platform. Each interview will be approximately 25 minutes long, back-to-back on the half hour for each university. Each interview panel will be made up of three to five members of the OCC. Interviews will be recorded if they take place on a virtual platform and be available to our membership to watch.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in December. The scholarships may be presented at an Oregon Consular Corps reception in early 2023, honoring all scholarship recipients.

Oregon Consular Corps International Studies Scholarship

Student Application Form

DEADLINE: October 31, 2022

Student's General Information

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Preferred Name or Nickname:

College / University Affiliation:

Student ID:

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

School Email Address:

Personal Email Address:

Telephone Number:

<u>Student's Education Information</u> What is your cumulative GPA?

What year in college are you in?

What Month and Year do you expect to graduate?

What is your major?

What is your minor?

Student's Personal Statement

Respond to each the following six items. Response for each item should be single spaced, 12-point font size, and no more than one-half page (250 words):

- 1. Why are you pursuing a degree in an international study related discipline?
- 2. What career plans are you considering after graduation?
- 3. What is your level of study and fluency in a foreign language or languages?

- 4. Describe your extracurricular activities such as leadership, volunteer experience, or community involvement during your college years starting with your current or most recent experience:
- 5. Describe your past international experiences or future plans to gain this experience.
- 6. Describe the obstacles you face in acquiring your degree in your international studies related discipline.

References

Two letters of recommendations are required to be submitted. At least one of the two references should be from an academic adviser or professor, preferably in the international related discipline. The second reference can be from another academic adviser or professor or an individual with specific knowledge of your work, study, or volunteer experience. References should not be related to you. It is the student's responsibility to reach out to their references and ask them to send signed letters of recommendation directly to your college/university scholarship coordinator by the application deadline. Please complete the following info on your references:

- 1. Reference Name: Title: Relationship to Applicant: Telephone: Email Address:
- 2. Reference Name: Title: Relationship to Applicant: Telephone: Email Address:

Verification

I meet the following requirements:

- I am a junior or senior (90+ quarter credit hours or 60+ semester hours) in good academic standing.
- I am currently majoring in an international study related discipline.
- I have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- I plan to maintain full time status during this academic year.
- I verify that all the information in my application materials is true and accurate.
- I meet the following additional requirements set by my individual college or university: To be filled in by the university

Electronic Signature of Applicant (Type Name):

Date of Applicant Signature: