

Oregon Consular Corps International Studies Scholarship, 2013-14

About the Oregon Consular Corps

Oregon has had consular services for over a century, with consular representatives stationed in Portland, and having jurisdiction extending throughout the Western United States and Oregon. Honorary Consuls are resident United States citizens appointed by foreign countries as their representatives. These appointments require the approval of the United States Department of State, and the rank, as chosen by the appointing country, may be Honorary Consul General, Honorary Consul, or Honorary Vice Consul.

Most members of the Oregon Consular Corps are Honorary Consuls. A Consul General, without the term Honorary, is normally a full time, paid member of the diplomatic corps of the appointing country. There are two Consul Generals in Oregon; one representing Japan and the other representing Mexico. Honorary Consuls serve without pay. Twenty-six countries currently have Honorary Consuls in Oregon.

The Oregon Consular Corps currently has thirty-eight members including Consuls Emeriti and not including four honorary members who are former Ambassadors. The OCC has monthly meetings and holds an Annual Dinner each year that includes making OCC scholarship awards. Consuls promote their countries' trade, offer assistance relating to their countries' shipping interests and seamen, render assistance to nationals of countries they represent, issue passports and visas and other legal documents, and act as spoke-persons for their countries' culture, tourism and trade.

Honorary Consuls are entitled to most of the privileges and immunities accorded Career Consuls under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. These laws have governed diplomatic intercourse and immunities since 1961.

Criteria and Considerations

Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship: two \$2,500 scholarships for University of Oregon Students majoring in International Studies. Requirements include (see next page for complete list):

- minimum of 8 credit hours INTL coursework completed prior to 9/24/2012
- accepted into the International Studies Major prior to 11/15/12
- completed 90 total credit hours (junior class standing) prior to 12/31/12
- maintain full-time student status during the 2013-14 academic year

To apply, please submit the following:

1. OCC application form (attached)
2. Statement of Purpose: a personal statement, maximum three double-spaced, typed pages, answering:
 - a) Why are you pursuing a degree in International Studies?
 - b) What are your career plans?
 - c) What is your level of study or fluency in a foreign language or languages?
 - d) Please include a description of your community service and/or international experience
 - e) Please include a description of any obstacles you face in acquiring a degree in International Studies
3. 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 address on the Application Form.
4. A copy of your current, unofficial UO transcripts, as printed off of Duckweb

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 15, 2012, before 5pm.

Awardees will be announced in December 2012; the scholarship will be awarded from Winter Term 2013

**Oregon Consular Corps
International Studies Scholarship
2012-13 Application**

Return prior to 5pm on Thursday, November 15th, 2012 to:

Department of International Studies
5281 University of Oregon
175 PLC
Eugene, OR 97403-5206

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID
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Address	Telephone
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City	State	Zip	Email Address
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Major	Current GPA	Year in School
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REFERENCES (Should be an academic adviser, professor, and/or an individual with specific knowledge of an international-related work, study, or volunteer experience you may have had):

Please ask your referees to send the letters of recommendation directly to the address at the top of this form.

1. _____

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Telephone
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Address	Email
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2. _____

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Telephone
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Address	Email
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Please attach a personal statement, maximum three double-space, typed pages, answering:

- a) Why are you pursuing a degree in International Studies?
- b) What are your career plans?
- c) What is your level of study of fluency in a foreign language or languages?
- d) Please include a description of your community service and/or international experience
- e) Please include a description of and obstacles you face, in acquiring your degree in

International Studies

I meet the following Requirements:

- 1. I have completed a minimum of 8 credit hours of INTL coursework prior to 9/24/2012.
- 2. I am currently an INTL major admitted prior to 11/15/2012.
- 3. I will have completed at least 90 credit hours, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher, prior to 12/31/2012.
- 4. I plan to maintain full time status (minimum 12 credits/term) during the 2013-14 academic year (F, W Sp terms)

Signature of Applicant

Date

**THE OREGON CONSULAR CORPS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS
(IN COOPERATION WITH OREGON BUSINESSES AND FOUNDATIONS)**

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be either a Junior or Senior in good academic standing; the scholarship will be used to help them complete their degree with a major in 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 that will be directed toward improvement in international relations. Financial need will also be considered where there are equally qualified candidates.

SELECTION PROCESS: The International Studies Department will appoint a faculty committee (chaired by the Undergraduate Program Director) to review applications and select up to five finalists. The five finalists will then be interviewed in Portland, OR, by members of the Oregon Consular Corps scholarship committee, which will make the final selection of the scholarship recipients.

ENCOURAGING APPLICATIONS: Notices will be posted at the Universities 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.

TIME-LINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by the Department of International Studies at the University of Oregon by November 15th, 2012. Applications will be evaluated by the Faculty Scholarship Committee and finalists selected. Finalists will be contacted via email and scheduled for an interview with members of the Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Selection Committee in Portland. Scholarship recipients will be announced in December. The scholarships will be presented at an Oregon Consular Corps reception in February, 2013, honoring all scholarship recipients.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS: Awarding two scholarships each year is our initial goal. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,500. Scholarship funds will be dispersed to the student's UO account and may be applied to cover the cost of tuition and, or travel expenses associated with approved study abroad or international internship activities.