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## Study in the United States or online at

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF LAW**



**Master of Law or  
Jurisprudence in:**

Global Food Law (Online)

Intellectual Property,  
Information &  
Communication Law

**OAS Deadlines:**

Fall 2019: July 15, 2019

Spring 2020: October 15, 2019

Fall 2019: June 30, 2019

## ▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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**The General Secretariat of the OAS (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.

**[Michigan State University College of Law](#) (MSU CoL)**

- As part of Michigan State University, one of the top 100 universities in the world, and one of the largest universities in the United States, MSU Law offers the following programs on campus:
  - Juris Doctorate
  - Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence in Intellectual Property, Information & Communication Law (IPIC)
  - Master of Laws and Masters of Jurisprudence in the American Legal System
  - Masters of Legal Studies
  - Advanced Standing Juris Doctorate for foreign educated lawyers
- The College also delivers the Global Food Law Master's Program entirely online to students around the globe.

## ▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

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### **The Global Food Law Program**

- Delivered entirely online, the Global Food Law Program builds upon MSU's academic pillars as a land-grant institution offering courses to guest and graduate students from around the globe.
- The College of Law's online Global Food Law program builds Michigan State's work at the forefront of research and academics related to agriculture and food production, marketing, packaging, and safety standards 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 students and 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.

Visit the MSU Global Food Law Program website: [globalfood.law.msu.edu](http://globalfood.law.msu.edu) to read more about the program and its admission process. Requests for additional information about the admissions process and program details can be directed to [foodlaw@law.msu.edu](mailto:foodlaw@law.msu.edu) or to Leslie Johnson, Program Manager, at [leslie.johnson@law.msu.edu](mailto:leslie.johnson@law.msu.edu)



## The Intellectual Property, Information and Communications Law (IPIC) Program

- The College of Law's on-campus Intellectual Property, Information & Communications (IPIC) Law program offers multiple degree options for both lawyers and non-lawyers. Non-lawyers enroll in the College's Masters of Jurisprudence (M.J.) program, while lawyers enroll in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) to gain a specialty in the field.
- 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 M.J. 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. This program does not prepare students to take a U.S. bar examination.
- Students in the LL.M. program build upon their existing expertise with courses like Patent Law, Copyright & Trademark Law, e-Discovery, and multiple others. The knowledge gained through these unique courses is in high demand in the legal field and industry. This program does not prepare students to take a U.S. bar examination.

To learn more about MSU Law's program in Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law, visit the program [website](#) and view the following videos:

1. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8duLi\\_xSzSI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8duLi_xSzSI)
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnLKW6MIYcE>.

Visit: <https://www.law.msu.edu/llm/index.html> to understand admission requirements for the IPIC programs of study. Requests for additional information should be directed to the MSU CoL of Law Office of Graduate and International Programs at [grad.admissions@law.msu.edu](mailto:grad.admissions@law.msu.edu).

## TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

*"I just would like to say that I'm humble enough to recognize that the chance to make any impact for the progression of my native country is just a beautiful dream for me. Once I finish this Master's degree and have the capabilities this provides, I would be more than willing to look at international organizations such as the OAS for opportunities to work in favor of Venezuela or any Latin countries... I do want to express my appreciation to the OAS for providing people with opportunities through these programs." ~ Ramon S. 2018 Global Food Law OAS MSU CoL Scholarship Awardee*

*"Having worked in regulatory compliance my whole career, I am now working on assessing new domestic and international acquisitions. It is vital to me, and my role, to be current in this realm. The scholarship allows me to learn and bring a different perspective regarding food industry and its regulation in various companies to my company." ~ Marilia R. 2018 Global Food Law OAS MSU CoL Scholarship Awardee*

*"With a degree from Michigan State University College of Law I intend to continue working for the development of policies that contribute to help countries in the most diverse levels of development implement and evolve their food industries and help feed the people. This scholarship provides the opportunity to pursue the education necessary for me to bring about the economic development needed to do so." ~ Victoria S. 2018 Global Food Law OAS MSU CoL Scholarship Awardee.*

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	<b><u>Global Food Law</u></b>	<b><u>Intellectual Property, Information &amp; Communications Law</u></b>
<b>DEGREES:</b>	Master of Laws (LL.M) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.)	Master of Laws (LL.M) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.)
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online	Onsite at Michigan State University
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	2.5 years (maximum of 5 years)	1 year
<b>CALENDAR:</b>	<p><b>The Admission Deadline</b> Fall 2019: July 1, 2019</p> <p><b>OAS Scholarship Deadline</b> Fall 2019: July 15, 2019 Spring 2020: October 15, 2019</p> <p>Classes begin: <b>Fall 2019</b> – August 26, 2019 <b>Spring 2020</b> – January 6, 2020</p>	<p><b>The Admission Deadline</b> Fall 2019: June 15, 2019</p> <p><b>OAS Scholarship Deadline</b> Fall 2019: June 30, 2019</p> <p>Classes begin: <b>Fall 2019</b> – August 14, 2019</p>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	<p>The College shall charge USD \$835 rather than the standard USD 950 per credit hour to those students awarded the OAS stipend for tuition for the duration of the Program.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The College shall charge USD \$16,000 total tuition for the 24 credit program to those students awarded the OAS stipend. Students should plan to complete the program in one academic year if at all possible (2 years maximum).</p> <p>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.</p>

## ▼ ELIGIBILITY

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 were not previously 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 [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.*

**Current OAS scholarship holders; GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives are ineligible to apply.**

# ▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

## STEP ONE:

Gather Requirements and [Apply Online](#) to the Michigan State University College of Law (MSU CoL)

Required MSU CoL application materials include:

- Transcripts from all prior educational institutions attended
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Two Recommendations
- Personal Statement
- Current License to Practice Law (as applicable)
- English Proficiency Test Score (as applicable)
- \$100 Application Fee (Please reach out to [grad.admissions@law.msu.edu](mailto:grad.admissions@law.msu.edu) to request an application fee waiver)

Apply at: <https://msu2.force.com/s/collogin>

## STEP TWO: (After acceptance to MSU CoL)

Gather Requirements and [Apply Online](#) to the OAS Scholarship

- **Only applicants with admission to the MSU-COL program will be allowed to apply for OAS scholarship consideration.** Contact the MSU Office of Graduate and International Programs to forward supporting application materials (indicated in the checklist below) to the OAS Scholarship committee allowing at least 3 business days prior to the OAS application deadline.
- **The scholarship application must be received no later than June 30 (IPICL) and or July 15, 2019 (GFL) by the OAS.**
- **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.
- Applicants can 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 United States.

OAS Application Requirements Include:

- **Government issued ID** – scan a photo of your passport identification page that contains your full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
- **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from the Michigan State University College of Law.
- **Transcript or record of grades** (These can be forwarded from your MSU CoL application.)
- **Bachelor's Degree** (This can be forwarded from your MSU CoL application.)
- **Two (2) Recommendation Letters** (These can be from your MSU CoL application.)  
If you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.
- **Essays** – applicants are required to write and include two essays in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages, including spaces.

- Essay 1: Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career. (This can be from your MSU CoL application.)
- Essay 2: Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.
- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae** – in English, 2 pages maximum, no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text. (This can be forwarded from your MSU CoL application.)
- **Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable** – (This can be forwarded from your MSU CoL application.)
- **Proof of Additional Funds** – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining tuition, fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including one, or a combination, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
  - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
  - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
  - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary to be received based on study leave with pay;
  - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

Apply at: <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/>

## ▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</b>	<u><a href="#">Global Food Law Degrees</a></u> ⊗ Remaining program tuition and fees (approximately \$17,000); ⊗ Books and study materials (approximately \$100/semester); ⊗ 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 ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS/MSU CoL Scholarship offer.	<u><a href="#">Intellectual Property, Information &amp; Communications Law Degrees</a></u> ⊗ Remaining program tuition and fees (approximately USD 13,000) ⊗ Health Insurance; ⊗ Books and study materials, including computer; ⊗ Cost of living expenses; ⊗ Air ticket; ⊗ Visa and immigration fees; ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS/MSU CoL Scholarship offer.
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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 [Rowe Fund](#) 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.

## ▼ 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;
- Gender diversity.

## ▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

<b>Selection Committee</b>	MSU-COL and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the <a href="#">criteria</a> listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published July 25, 2019 at <a href="http://www.oas.org/scholarships">www.oas.org/scholarships</a> .
<b>Notification of selected candidates</b>	The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.

## ▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/MSU-COL 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 MSU-COL and submit to 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 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 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 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.

## ▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org).



[www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)



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