



# Financial aid for international students in the United States



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## WHO WE ARE

The OAS Rowe Fund program provides **interest-free loans** up to US\$15,000 and US\$2,000 **supplementary scholarships** to Latin American and Caribbean students (F/J visa holders) studying at universities in the U.S. Scholarship applicants must be eligible for and simultaneously applying for an interest-free loan.

## OUR VISION

The Rowe Fund seeks to foster intellectual and cultural exchange between the U.S. and people of the Americas while investing in qualified individuals, capable of applying the benefit of their training for their countries' development.

## FEATURES

- ◇ Supplementary financial aid intended to cover a portion of the tuition and/or living expenses;
- ◇ Simple Online application process;
- ◇ The program accepts applications throughout the year, with a monthly cutoff date on the fifth day of each month;
- ◇ Disbursement is made directly to the student in the U.S.;
- ◇ Defer repayment while in school.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Prospective applicants must:

- ◇ Have a student visa (F or J) and GPA ≥ 3.0;
- ◇ Be registered as full-time students in the last two years of undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate studies;
- ◇ Have additional sources of funding;
- ◇ Commit to repaying the interest-free loan in fifty monthly payments and to returning to their country of origin within a year upon completing their U.S. studies;
- ◇ Have a suitable guarantor.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the Online [application form](#) and upload supporting documents such as:

- ◇ Official enrollment verification letter with estimated completion date;
- ◇ Recent official transcripts;
- ◇ [Student advisor form duly signed](#);
- ◇ Copy of passport, visa, and I-20 or DS2019 form;
- ◇ Copy of the [I-94 form](#) along with the latest travel history and the date of entry to the U.S.;
- ◇ Evidence of other sources of financing;
- ◇ [Scholarship application form](#);
- ◇ An official email or letter of recommendation from a professor or advisor; and
- ◇ [Guarantor's information](#) and supporting documents.

\*The Rowe Fund offers interest-free loans for most fields of study but excludes ESL, medicine, and aviation programs. The scholarships prioritize students in STEM and environmental science, while they also do not cover MBA and LL.M programs .