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Call for applications to participate in the course/scholarship Building Wireless Community Network

CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, along with CITEL's Secretariat, has as its primary objective to strengthen CITEL's efforts regarding scholarships and training courses of interest to CITEL/OAS member states. Following up on CITEL's schedule of courses for 2020 (COM/CITEL/RES. 306 (XXXV-19)) and thanks to the **150 scholarships** generously offered by the Internet Society (ISOC) once again this year as a continuation of its commitment to the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, according to their objective of "promoting open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people around the world," ISOC and CITEL are pleased to announce the call for applications to participate in the course/scholarship "**Building Wireless Community Networks,**" which is scheduled to be held **online** from **September 14 to October 25, 2020**.

The **deadline for registration** for the course/scholarship is **August 28, 2020 (EST, Washington, D.C.)**. For further information, please visit: www.citel.oas.org or <https://www.internetsociety.org/>

Course Overview:

The course consists of training community members in wireless technology and Wi-Fi equipment that uses unlicensed spectrum bands of 2.4 and 5.8 GHz. This is in order to create wireless networks that belong to and are operated by the community, thus allowing it not only to implement and manage these networks, but also to enable the transfer of knowledge.

Specific objectives:

- To acquire basic concepts and knowledge of how to develop wireless community networks.
- To get familiar with experiences that enable the student to obtain references for the efficient design of wireless community networks.
- To acquire the necessary know-how to design a plan for the implementation of wireless community networks.
- To transfer their knowledge on wireless networks to other members of the community.

Participant profile:

OAS member states, CITEL associate members, telecommunication and/or ICT ministries and secretariats of OAS member states, regulatory bodies for the telecommunication/ICT sector of OAS member states, regional organizations, telecommunication/ICT professionals and technicians, civil society, and interested communities.

Dates, location, and course type:

The course shall be taught **by distance learning** (online) from **September 14 to October 25, 2020 (6 weeks)**. It shall be taught in **Spanish and English**, with a course load of 8 hours a week. There is a total of 150 scholarships being granted (100 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 to English-speaking participants).

Benefits of the scholarship:

- Number of scholarships to be granted: 150 full scholarships (100 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 to English-speaking participants).
- Registration and fees: 100% coverage.
- Study materials.
- Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.

Scholarship technical information:

Course mode:	Distance learning course (online)
Course dates:	September 14 to October 25, 2020
Instruction language:	Spanish and English
Benefits:	Covers 100% of the course registration and fees Study materials Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.
Number of scholarships to be granted:	150 full scholarships (100 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 scholarships to English-speaking participants)
Registration deadline:	Friday, August 28, 2020 (EST, Washington, D.C.)
To register:	Registration open on: https://www.internetsociety.org/learning/call-for-applications-building-wireless-community-networks-course-scholarship/

Eligibility:

A citizen or permanent resident of any OAS member state.

Course/scholarship registration and selection process:

- Complete and send the registration form online.
- The selection of participants for the course/scholarship shall be made on a **“first come, first serve”** basis.
- The list of participants shall be published on **September 1, 2020** on the websites of CITEL and ISOC.
- CITEL/ISOC shall only contact those persons appearing on the list and they must officially acknowledge the scholarship confirming their acceptance by e-mail. If for any reason confirmation has not been received before the course begins or if a selected participant is unable to attend the course, the scholarship shall be given to the following person on the list of those who registered.
- The participant must complete a course satisfaction questionnaire that shall be provided at the end of the program.

Announcement of the results:

On **September 1, 2020**, CITEL/ISOC shall publish the results on their respective websites: www.citel.oas.org and <https://www.internetsociety.org/>. CITEL/ISOC shall only contact the persons appearing on the published list.

Contact information:

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