



INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Quality Assurance for Professionals Scholarships 2018

INQAAHE is delighted to inform its members that INQAAHE will be providing two funds for qualified applicants from developing countries to enroll for:

- A **Master's degree on Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education** at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC)

Scholarships

INQAAHE, with the assistance of the World Bank, will offer **2 scholarships** in 2018 to support outstanding candidates from lesser developed or low income countries.

The scholarships are up to USD \$5,000.

Principal Criteria for Selection for the Award of a Scholarship:

- citizen of and residence in a LDC or LIC (UNESCO categories)
- evidence of strong relevant experience or interest,
- commitment to the higher education sector and QA as evidenced by a letter of motivation,
- potential for achievement in the field of quality assurance, and
- if applicable, employer support, including commitment to enabling the student to devote sufficient time to study, evidenced through a letter. Academic and language requirements are as set out for the respective institutions.

Selection Process for the Award of a Scholarship:

Applicants should apply by **28 February 2018** to the INQAAHE secretariat (secretariat@inqaahe.org), providing evidence that they satisfy the academic, language, country and commitment requirements above, attaching a brief curriculum vitae, and setting out how they plan to use their studies to affect their professional work and the operation of their organisation.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants for the scholarships will be notified by **9 March 2018**

Scholarships will be given to the next applicant in line automatically if the successful applicants fail to make an application to the University.

1. The Program at the Open University of Catalonia

This Program provides theoretical and practical knowledge about quality in higher education and the evaluation models and systems that are currently used, and targets professionals working in the field of education quality. The master's degree qualifies them to design quality assessment models in a given context in order to apply and improve an existing model and to perform analyses and implement strategies addressing education quality and the associated policies.

The program seeks to cover the educational needs of the following professional profiles:

- Academics, teachers and researchers in the field of higher education, specifically in terms of the quality and improvement policies and systems used in higher education.
- Specialists working in quality agencies and the quality units of higher education institutions.
- Professionals and specialists working in government (Ministry of Education, for example) and the universities (Office of the Vice President for Quality, Innovation and Development, among others).
- General and training managers in enterprises having a higher education offering.

It is offered by The Open University of Catalonia as a master's degree in **Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education**.

INQAAHE has reviewed and certified that the university program meets the requirements of QAP. In this review INQAAHE has taken into account at least the alignment program offered by Universitat Oberta de Catalunya with the program established by the QAP.

Program is offered in Spanish.

Participants in the UOC program can expect:

The first goal of the University Master's Degree in Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education is to provide advanced knowledge about the different conceptions of Quality in Higher Education and the evaluation models that are currently available

Some of the skills developed are the following:

- Understand the scope of the different conceptions and perspectives of quality in education.
- Design Higher Education Quality Policies and strategies for States, institutions or departments of different types of organizations.
- Design systems, methodologies and instruments for evaluating the quality of institutions, programmes and faculty.
- Apply effectively and precisely the various systems used to evaluate the quality of institutions, programmes and faculty: methods, processes, tools, criteria and standards.
- Identify evidence and indicators aligned with the objectives of the evaluation performed.
- Analyse reports, documents and indicator systems, using quantitative and qualitative data, and interpret them.
- Critically evaluate the role and scope of the international quality networks and the role of the quality agencies.
- Identify the function performed by external stakeholders and agents, both in determining quality criteria and in performing quality assessment.

Candidates for this program are expected to have:

- an official bachelor's degree courses or equivalent, recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.
- a level of competence in English is recommended (minimum level B1 within the common European reference framework for languages) that allows the student to follow a seminar, exposition or comprehensive reading of a text, report or article correctly specialized.

Further information and Application details

Visit the UOC website for application details and the necessary documentation:

<http://estudios.uoc.edu/es/masters-universitarios/evaluacion-gestion-calidad-educacion-superior/presentacion>

The 2018 fee for the Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education program is 2.800 € (indicative).