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Scholarship Offer in Partnership with the University of Technology, Jamaica



Course: Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Management

Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Management Course

▼ DESCRIPTION AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSE

Sustainability of development in hazard-prone developing countries is hinged on the effectiveness of interventions to reduce the risk of disasters. This means that disaster risk reduction (DRR) must involve proactive measures to reduce impacts from hazards, execute effective emergency response when disasters strike and expedite the recovery process in the aftermath of emergencies. Collectively these proactive interventions are referred to as hazard mitigation and can be both structural and non-structural. Hazard mitigation is, therefore, a necessary strategy for building disaster resilience capacity and for enhancing and protecting the development gains in vulnerable communities, regions, and countries.

The adverse impacts of hazardous events often cannot be fully prevented but their scale or severity can be substantially reduced by mitigation measures which include both structural and non-structural interventions. This course incorporates use of case and experiential approaches to expose students to the processes of structural and non-structural hazard mitigation and assessment of disaster risks as features of disaster risk management strategies for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

The following four thematic areas are covered:

- i. Context and principles of hazard/disaster mitigation in disaster management.
- ii. Hazard Mitigation Strategies: Structural and non-structural.
- iii. Hazard vulnerability and disaster risk management in the Caribbean.
- iv. Climate Adaptation and disaster risk reduction: Caribbean context.

Benefits from Participation:

Participants will gain knowledge and skills to enhance their effectiveness in hazard mitigation and disaster risk reduction and reducing the financial and social costs of disasters in their communities, countries and region. The course will also prepare participants to initiate and contribute to plans in their countries to build capacity in hazard mitigation management and disaster risk reduction. Participants will also acquire local and international perspectives in taking action to improve resilience of the built environment, enhancing environmental sustainability, and accelerating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Course will be delivered as a collaboration activity between the Faculty of the Built Environment, University of Technology, Jamaica, and the Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies Department, Brandon University, Manitoba, Canada.

▼ OBJECTIVE AND PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The overarching objective of the course is to enhance knowledge application of hazard mitigation for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- i. Outline the context and key principles of hazard mitigation.

- ii. Formulate proposals for mitigation interventions for community and sectoral disaster risk reduction.
- iii. Design non-structural mitigation strategies for target audiences.
- iv. Conduct disaster risk assessment to inform mitigation at community and sectoral levels.

Target Group/Profile of Participants:

The course targets individuals who are working professionals with backgrounds or working experience in emergency management and disaster response. These may include staff of local and regional disaster management agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs), public administrators, first responders, military and law enforcement personnel, policy makers, urban planners, public health workers, community development personnel and disaster relief coordinators, etc.

Prerequisite(s): Certification/training/engagement in disaster management or related disciplines.

▼ LOCATION, DATES & DETAILS

1. Date: The Course will be held from November 4 – 10, 2018, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of Technology, Jamaica, Papine Campus, 237 Old Hope Road, Kingston, Jamaica.
2. Orientation and Welcome: An orientation session will be held on November 4th, 2018 and an official welcome session will be held the morning of November 5th, 2018.
3. Instructor: Professor Balfour Spence PhD, M.Phil. B.A. (Hons), Cert. CBDRM, Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies Department, Brandon University, Canada will be the Instructor.
4. Accommodation: Accommodation is available at 138 Student Living www.138studentliving.com. Selected participants should contact fbrown@138studentliving.com to confirm reservations. Special discounts are available to participants of this Course.
5. Travel: Caribbean Airlines offers discounts to UTech Jamaica students as outlined [here](#). More specifics will be made available to selected participants.

University Contact Information:

For more specific questions please contact, Dr. Claire Sutherland, Senior Director, International and Institutional Linkages, Office of the President, University of Technology, Jamaica at csutherland@utech.edu.jm or 876-833-7090.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

COURSE:	Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Management
MODALITY:	Onsite, Kingston, Jamaica
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	6 days
DEADLINE:	October 7, 2018
START AND END DATE:	November 4 – 10, 2018

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must complete an OAS online scholarship application form and attach the required supporting documents listed below:

1. One (1) recommendation letter from employer / institution in sponsoring country.
 - a. The letter must include the letterhead of the institution / employer, the position of the referee, date and signature. The recommendation letter should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.
2. Response to essay question - *Describe how participating in this course will enhance your professional skills, and directly impact institution, community and country.*
 - a. The essay should be no more than two pages; written in size 12 times new roman font and double-spaced.
3. Cover letter detailing relevant work experience in the area of study.
4. Curriculum vitae or resume.
5. Copy of a government issued ID (passport or national ID Card).

Please note the following:

1. All documents must be in English or official translated to English.
2. **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, the application system would not accept the file and does allow for more than one document to be uploaded.
3. **Only complete applications will be considered**

[Click here to access for the online scholarship application Form](#)

▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND EXPENSES NOT COVERED

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 100% of tuition fee for the Course.✓ A one-time allowance of USD 1,000 (paid through the OAS National Office in Jamaica in local currency) for disbursement to each recipient upon arrival in Jamaica) to help defray the cost of meals, accommodation, local transportation, materials, and other incidentals in Jamaica.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jamaican participants who reside in Kingston, Jamaica will receive a one-time allowance of USD 300 to assist with local transportation cost, meals, materials, and other incidentals in Jamaica.○ Jamaican participants who live outside of Kingston, Jamaica will receive the same allowance as other international participants.
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Round trip airfare (<i>see travel note on page 2</i>);⊗ Remaining cost of accommodation, meals, local transportation, and materials not met by the one-time allowance (<i>see travel note on page 2</i>);⊗ Visa and immigration charges, if applicable;⊗ Travel and health insurance;⊗ Books and student materials; and⊗ Any additional costs that are not included in the OAS-UTech Jamaica Scholarship.

These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of a [CARICOM](#) country that is an [OAS member State](#).

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship recipients;
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants; and
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background; and
- Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

- The OAS and UTech, Jamaica will select the scholarship awardees, based on the criteria listed above
- The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- This scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed a scholarship 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 the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients"
- Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent legal residence at the end of the Course. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the UTech Jamaica could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-Chile Scholarship Program."

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION



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