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## OAS – University of Technology, Jamaica 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in master's degree program below.

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition
<b>MODALITY:</b>	Online, Jamaica
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>DURATION:</b>	18 months
<b>DEADLINES:</b>	Program admission: <b>August 10, 2016</b> Scholarship application: <b>August 15, 2016</b>
<b>START DATE</b>	August 29, 2016
<b>END DATE</b>	February 28, 2018
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	USD \$7,000 to cover program fees <i>Student cost is USD \$5,500 for remaining program fees</i>

#### **1. About The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States**

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.

#### **2. About University of Technology, Jamaica**

University of Technology, Jamaica, the premier national university, built on the pillars of scholarship, research and service where each student is provided with the opportunity to learn, grow, develop and reach his/her full potential. The UTech, Ja. is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence as it prepare individuals on a lifelong path to achieve "Excellence through Knowledge". UTech, Ja. is well known for its strength in training graduates in the areas of science, engineering, computing, pharmacy,

health sciences, law, sport, nursing, dentistry, business and management, hospitality and tourism, architecture, construction management and teacher education led by a cadre of dedicated faculty and staff. Its academic programs ensure that its graduates are provided with the practical skills and “real world” opportunities necessary to advance as leaders and innovators in their professions and who can make a valuable contribution to their communities, the job market and social and economic development anywhere in the world.

### **3. Application for Admission Information**

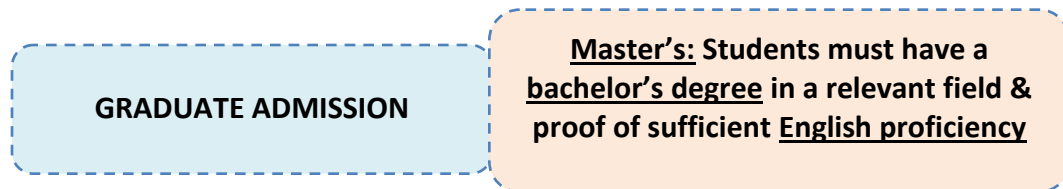
The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program.

#### **Student/Applicant’s profile**

Detailed information about the program and profile of student’s is available through the following link: <https://www.utech.edu.jm/academics/colleges-faculties/cohs/courses-of-study>

#### **Admission Process:**

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. For information about the Institute’s application process for this Program, please visit the Institute’s [website](#).

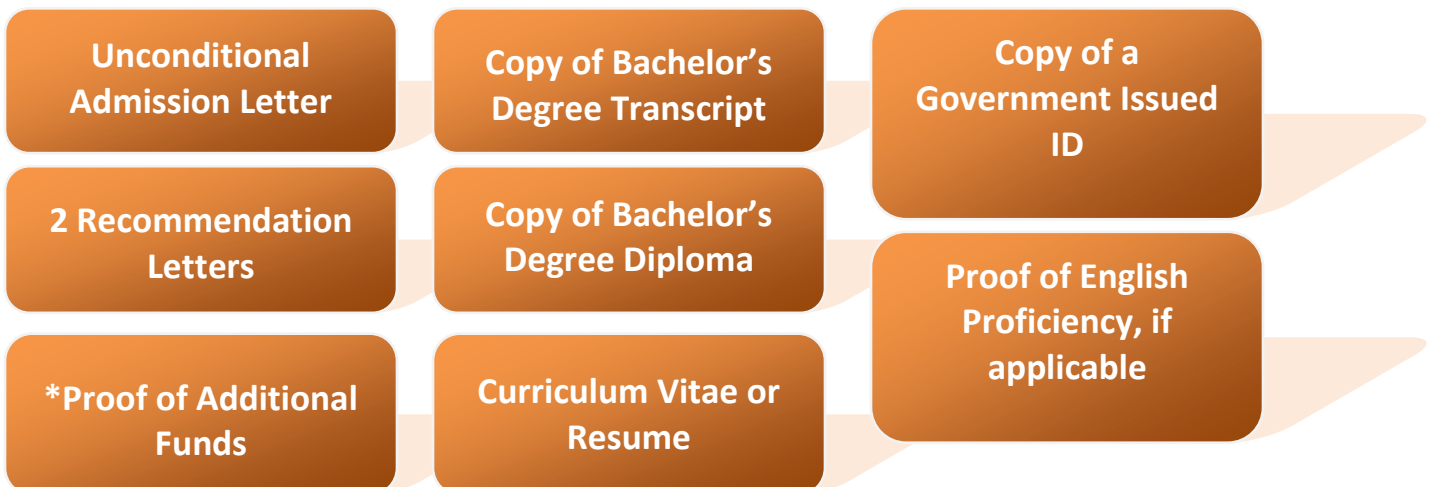


#### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact Mr. Fitzroy Henry at [Fitzroy.Henry@utech.edu.jm](mailto:Fitzroy.Henry@utech.edu.jm) for more information about the university’s admission process.

### **4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply for this scholarship opportunity, you must submit a [Scholarship Application](#) through the OAS Fellowship Management System. You are required to upload the following documents where indicated in the application form:



**Please note the following:**

- a) All supporting documents must be in English or officially translated into English.
- b) Students whose native language is not **English** will be required to submit **one** of the following as proof of English proficiency:
- An official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
  - A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 580 or higher for the paper based test, 237 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 92;
  - IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

**The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.**

- c) Proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship, which is estimated from USD\$5,500 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;
  - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.
- d) One of the **letters of recommendation** should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by your current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor's/Employer's position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
- e) You are required to write and include **two essays** in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Each essay should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Essay 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Essay 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
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**OAS Contact Information:**

For questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Ms. Elisa Granadillo at [egranadillo@oas.org](mailto:egranadillo@oas.org).

## 5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition
<b>SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS</b>	USD \$7,000 to cover program fees
<b>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF APPLICANTS</b>	In addition to the remaining program fees, the scholarship awardees will also be responsible for payment of research expenses and any costs not covered by the scholarship.

These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining fees and any other costs as needed to UTech.

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the awardee. In order to receive these benefits, the awardee should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

## 6. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

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

**Provide an unconditional admission Letter to UTech**

**Submit a complete scholarship application with all supporting documents**

**Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#) except Jamaica.**

**Have not received other scholarship from the OAS for the same level of studies and/or program of study as advertised in this announcement**

**Not be an OAS staff or individual who maintains employment contracts with the OAS or a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS or immediate relatives of a staff of a Permanent Mission to the OAS**

## **7. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA**

- a) The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- b) Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- c) Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- d) Gender diversity.

## **8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT:**

- a) The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/UTech Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- b) Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- c) Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UTech and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UTech.
- d) Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- e) To retain the scholarship, awardees 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.
- f) The scholarship can be declined by the awardee 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 UTech may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- g) Commitment to return to work in their country of origin 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 UTech could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

**APPLY NOW!**

**For more information: [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)**