

ADMISSION
DEADLINE: MAY 15,
2019

SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE JUNE 1,
2019

STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA FROM YOUR HOME

Scholarship opportunity for citizens
of OAS member States to pursue an
online Master of Science in Public
Health Nutrition



OAS

More rights for more people



UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
JAMAICA

▼ **ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

The OAS General Secretariat (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.

[UTech, Ja](#), 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 prepares 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.

▼ **ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

The program has graduated students to be able to work effectively in sectors such as health, food industry, agriculture, education, development agencies, government and non-government settings. The course of study has enhanced knowledge and skills which foster leadership to design, implement and evaluate programs, identify best/good practices, develop food and nutrition policies that can address the major problems in public health in this hemisphere.

▼ TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS

“After completing the PHN program I can now plan and implement appropriate interventions that will improve public knowledge and understanding of these nutrition-related diseases. This will assist the government in their efforts to improve Public Health” ~ Latoya Matthew-Duncan [Graduate 2018]

*“The course exposes students to the most critical issues affecting public health nutrition today and challenges them to use the tools given to address those issues effectively. The faculty is a group of well qualified experts who are at the forefront of their field, and prepares the graduates for the real world...”
Dr. Fidel Cuellar (Belize) [current student 2017 class]*

“This MSc. Public Health Nutrition course being offered by UTech with funding from the OAS provides vital, relevant, important and hands-on evidence-based information. Graduates of this course will be armed with the knowledge and skills to bring about positive health outcomes for themselves and in their communities through the promotion of food and nutrition security” ~ David Titley (St. Kitts/Nevis) [current student 2018 class]

*"A program that is relevant, timely and useful. Relevant in our world where nutrition is pivotal for health and well-being. Timely in a context of apparent apathy amidst escalating diet-related diseases and useful as every module **empowers** me to take **action** - in my home, in my community, in my country through collaboration and advocacy, to fight against nutrition-related diseases" ~ Stacy V. De Coteau (Trinidad & Tobago) [Current student 2018 class]*

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAM:	Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition
MODALITY:	Online, Jamaica
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	18 months
DEADLINES:	University’s Admission Deadline: May 15, 2019 Scholarship Application Deadline: June 1, 2019
START DATE:	August 27, 2019
END DATE:	February 28, 2021
BENEFITS:	USD \$7,000 to cover program fees <i>Student cost is USD \$5,800 for remaining program fees</i>

▼ THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION INFORMATION

The candidate should begin the admission process to the degree program covered by this scholarship program. For more information on the application for admission process, please go to the university's website: <http://www.utechjamaica.edu.jm/admissions>.

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 of study 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 university's website.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

Master's: Students must have a bachelor's degree in a relevant field & proof of sufficient English proficiency

University Contact Information:

Applicants can contact Professor Fitzroy Henry at Fitzroy.Henry@utech.edu.jm for more information about the university's admission process.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for an OAS – UTech, Ja scholarship, the applicant must have ALL required supporting documentation, which includes:

1. **Government issued ID** – scan a photo of the passport page that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. **Admission letter** – unconditional admission letter from the University of Technology, Jamaica.
3. **Transcript or record of grades** – copy of Bachelor's Degree Transcript. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
4. **Certificate or Diploma** – copy of Bachelor's degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution.
5. **Two (2) Recommendation Letters** – one of the recommendation letters should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by 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.
 - a. Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor. The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration.

- b. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.
 6. **Essays** – applicants are required to write and include two essays in the scholarship application form. The essays should be written in English. Both essays should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.
 - a. Essay 1: Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.
 - b. Essay 2: 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.
 7. **Curriculum vitae** – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
 8. **Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable** – applicants whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
 - a. A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university or college in the last five years;
 - b. A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 79;
 - c. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent.

Note: The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
 9. **Proof of Additional Funds** – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including one, or a combination, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
 - a. a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
 - b. a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
 - c. a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary to be received based on study leave with pay;
 - d. a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.
- ✓ **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will not be able to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.

STEP 2: Apply online:

- ✓ After applying and receiving admission from Utech, Ja, you will be required to complete the OAS online scholarship application form upon notification from the university and attach all required supporting documentation listed above via the OAS online system.
- ✓ **Only applicants with admission to the Utech, Ja. program will be allowed to apply for OAS scholarship consideration.**
- ✓ **The scholarship application must be completed by June 1, 2019**

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In addition to the remaining program fees of USD \$5,800, the scholarship recipients will also be responsible for payment of research expenses and any other 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 tuition fees and any other costs as needed to UTech, Ja.

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

▼ ELIGIBILITY

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

- Provide an unconditional admission letter from UTech, Ja.;
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents; and
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except *Jamaica*.
 - *Applicants from Argentina must fill out a required form through the following link; <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and send it to the [National Liaison Office \(ONE\)](#) in Argentina.*

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;
- ✓ Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- ✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee UTech, Ja. and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in June/July 2019 at www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates 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 an OAS/UTech, Ja 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 all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by UTech, Ja and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UTech, Ja.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ 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 of study and/or course failure.
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the program of study without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and UTech, Ja may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to remain their sponsoring country 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, Ja 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-UTech, Ja. Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships

<https://twitter.com/OASscholarships>

<https://www.facebook.com/becasoea>