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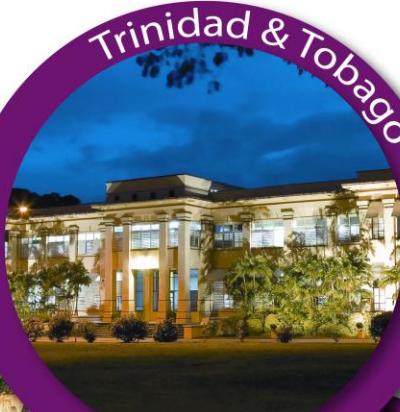
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# Study at The University of the West Indies

Jamaica



Trinidad & Tobago



Barbados



Scholarships to  
complete last two years  
of a bachelor's degree

Admission deadline: June 4, 2019

Scholarship deadline: June 30, 2019

For the past 70 years The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has provided service and leadership to the Caribbean region and wider world. The UWI has evolved from a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948 to an internationally respected, regional university with near 50,000 students and four campuses: Mona in Jamaica, St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago, Cave Hill in Barbados, and an Open Campus. As part of its robust globalization agenda, The UWI has established partnering centers with universities in North America, Asia, and Africa such as the State University of New York (SUNY)-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development, the UWI-China Institute of Information Technology, the University of Lagos (UNILAG)-UWI Institute of African and Diaspora Studies and the Institute for Global African Affairs with the University of Johannesburg (UJ).

The UWI offers over 800 certificate, diploma, undergraduate, and postgraduate degree options in Food & Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities & Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Sport. As the region's premier research academy, The UWI's foremost objective is driving the growth and development of the regional economy. Times Higher Education has ranked The UWI among the top 1,258 universities in world for 2019, and the top 40 best universities in its Latin America Rankings for 2018, and was the only Caribbean-based University to make the prestigious lists. For more, visit [www.uwi.edu](http://www.uwi.edu).

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

The University of the West Indies has an exceptional **record of producing leaders in the Caribbean and wider world**. Its alumni base numbers well over 120,000 who are at the forefront of their fields locally, regionally and internationally.

Two of the three **Nobel Laureates** of Caribbean descent, Derek A. Walcott (Nobel Prize for Literature, 1992) and Sir Arthur Lewis (Nobel Prize for Economics, 1979), have direct ties to the University. Sir Derek being an alumnus, and Sir Arthur a former Vice-Chancellor. UWI Professors, Anthony Chen, Leonard Nurse and John Agard also shared in the glory of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize given jointly to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr, for their contribution to the IPCC as authors of special scientific working group reports.

The vast **majority of Caribbean scholars, as well as more than 20 current and former Caribbean Prime Ministers and Heads of State are UWI alumni**.

The University of the West Indies is the **largest resource for knowledge creation and knowledge application in the region**. No other grouping in the Caribbean comprises as many diverse thinkers and technical people, working assiduously on positive action to address the challenges of our island states and wider world. Home to the largest pool of specialists and experts in the Caribbean providing a unique perspective on world issues. Our research priorities align closely with areas of concern to the Caribbean region such as environmental issues, health and wellness, gender equity, social justice, increasing the Caribbean's human capital in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, innovation and entrepreneurship. Recognized for its decades of world class research on climate change and sustainable development, The UWI is the **global higher education leader** in the mobilization of research and advocacy for the achievement of a climate-smart world.

The UWI is a hub of knowledge creation, research and innovation, committed to **transitioning research to industry application**. Among some of the unique innovations credited to The UWI are:

- The Mona Campus' Cardiac Simulator (utilizing a pig's heart), which at least nine US teaching institutions have used in their cardio training programmes, including Johns Hopkins University, Mayo Clinic, and Stanford University.
- The Cave Hill Campus' multimillion-dollar agricultural industry transformation project, which has created a viable, high-end leather industry based on the Barbados Black Belly Sheep.
- The Genesis Pan (G-Pan) and the amplified Percussive Harmonic Instrument (PHI), or 'electric pan', two of the latest technological innovations of the Steel Pan Initiatives Project of the St Augustine Campus. The G-Pan increases the range of musical notes possible on the traditional steel pan, while the PHI keyboard is a fully synthesized, MIDI-based instrument, which produces authentic steel pan tones as well as a variety of instrument tones.

## TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

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1. Studying at the University of the West- Indies, St. Augustine Campus has been an eye opening and wonderful experience. Though I have studied away from home previously, Trinidad offered a whole new experience. The culture of the country is very diverse and interesting. I was afforded the opportunity to experience first-hand, how the locals live. Also, I was granted the opportunity to make new friends not only from Trinidad but those from other countries who came to pursue their studies at the university. My experience is not short of challenges.... However, I am pleased to say that I have successfully completed my first semester and look forward to the next!" Shirna (St. Lucia)
2. I am very thankful to the OAS for the opportunity I have been given. Without the scholarship it would have been impossible for me to complete my Masters in Development Statistics at the University of the West Indies. Being able to study in the Caribbean has been a dream come true for me and has allowed me to understand the region and development in the region in a more comprehensive and inclusive manner. I will be forever thankful to the organization for this opportunity." ~ Maria Jose (Ecuador)
3. "My experience here at UWI has been very rewarding thus far, and I certainly look forward to maximising the rest of the time that I have here at this institution. The system at UWI, is one that encourages self sufficiency and application; two things that I believe are paramount in personal development. With regards to the professors that I have encountered in Semester I, they were extremely helpful and professional; no complaints can be made. In terms of the resources and amenities that are made available to students, I believe that they are sufficient to support our needs.... In closing, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you again, to the OAS, for affording me the opportunity to attend this institution. It has been a terrific and rewarding experience thus far." ~ Evita, Grenada
4. "My experience, thus far has been an excellent one in Barbados. The people are very friendly and welcoming, this also extends to the university staff and lecturers. Adjusting to the culture and living here has been a smooth process. I have learnt so much about environmental management in such a short time span. I believe this will continue throughout my stay in the program and I plan to absorb all that I can from my stay in Barbados. I am truly grateful for this opportunity afforded to me by OAS." ~ Alexio, The Bahamas

## SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	All undergraduate programs, <b>except</b> for those of the Faculties of Law and Medical Sciences. <i>Open to students who are or will enroll at UWI to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree program beginning August 2019.</i>
<b>MODALITY</b>	Onsite in Barbados, Jamaica or Trinidad and Tobago
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>DURATION</b>	1 - 2 years
<b>CALENDAR</b>	<b>Application for Admission deadline: June 4, 2019</b> <b>Scholarship application: June 30, 2019</b>  Classes begin: <b>August 2019</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The UWI will charge a maximum of USD \$6,000* to cover the tuition fees per year.</li><li>✓ The GS/OAS shall provide a one-time tuition allowance of a maximum of USD 4,000 to the top ranked OAS-UWI Scholarship Recipients.</li></ul> <i>*Should the cost of the program of study be less than the total scholarship amount, the UWI and OAS will cover the lesser amount as billed by UWI.</i>
<b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b>	OAS scholarships are not offered for studies in one's country of citizenship or permanent legal residence. Citizens and/or permanent legal residents of Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago will not be considered for these OAS scholarships at the University campus located in their country of citizenship or legal residence.

*Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.*

## ABOUT THE OAS

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.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

For information on the application for admission process to a degree program covered by this scholarship program, please go to the university's websites:

- a) [\*\*University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados\*\*](#)
- a) [\*\*University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in Jamaica\*\*](#)
- b) [\*\*University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago\*\*](#)

### **Student/Applicant's profile**

Please check the profile upon review of the program information on the University's websites as the profile differs per program.

### **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. Please go to the university's websites for more information.

*Open to students who are or will enroll at UWI to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree program beginning August 2019 only.*

### **University Contact Information:**

Applicants can contact Ms. Marjorie Rose-Parkes at [marjorie.roseparkes@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.roseparkes@gmail.com) for more information about the university's admission process.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply for an OAS – UWI scholarship, applicants must have **ALL** required supporting documentation, which includes:
  1. **ID** – scan or photo of 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 the West Indies.
  3. **Transcript or record of grades** – copy of Associate's degree transcript or current transcript from UWI showing registration for the semester beginning August 2019. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
  4. **Certificate or Diploma** – copy of Associate'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 (2) essays in the OAS-USCA online scholarship application form. The essays must 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 – students 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 in the last five years;
  - b. 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;
  - c. IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
- 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:**

- To apply for an OAS – UWI scholarship, applicants must complete the OAS online scholarship application form and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation listed above.
- After receiving the admission letter or proof of enrollment from the UWI , please email a copy of the admission letter or enrollment letter and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email address [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org)
- **Only applicants with proof of admission or enrollment at UWI will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**
- **The scholarship application must be completed by June 30, 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**

- ✓ Remaining cost of tuition fees;
- ✓ Travel expenses (to and from the country of study);
- ✓ Mandatory university fees;
- ✓ Cost of books and study materials;
- ✓ Health insurance;
- ✓ Cost of living expenses (such as housing, local transportation, etc.);
- ✓ Graduation expenses;
- ✓ Visa expenses (where applicable); and
- ✓ any other costs or additional living and study cost not covered by the scholarship.

Estimated cost of living:

Jamaica - <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/law/fees-scholarships-and-living-costs>

Barbados - <https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/financial/fees/livingexpenses.aspx>

Trinidad & Tobago - <https://sta.uwi.edu/fms/vet/TutitonCostandFinancialAid.asp>

- ✓ 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 UWI.
- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipients and based on the availability of funds. 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 or letter of enrollment to The University of the West Indies:
  - *Open to students who will enroll at UWI to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree program beginning August 2019 only.*
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state\\*](#)
  - *Please note that OAS scholarships are not offered for studies in one's country of citizenship or permanent legal residence. Citizens and/or permanent legal residents of Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago will not be considered for these OAS scholarships at the University campus located in their country of citizenship or legal residence.*
  - *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 holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ 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** The University of the West Indies and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in July 2019 [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://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. **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/UWI 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 UWI and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at UWI.
- ✓ 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 a student declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeur, the OAS and UWI may require the scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent 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 UWI could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:**

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to [scholarships@oas.org](mailto:scholarships@oas.org) with the subject “OAS-University of the West Indies Bachelor’s Scholarship Program”

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

-  [www.oas.org/scholarships](http://www.oas.org/scholarships)
-  <https://twitter.com/OASScholarships>
-  <https://www.facebook.com/becasoaea>