



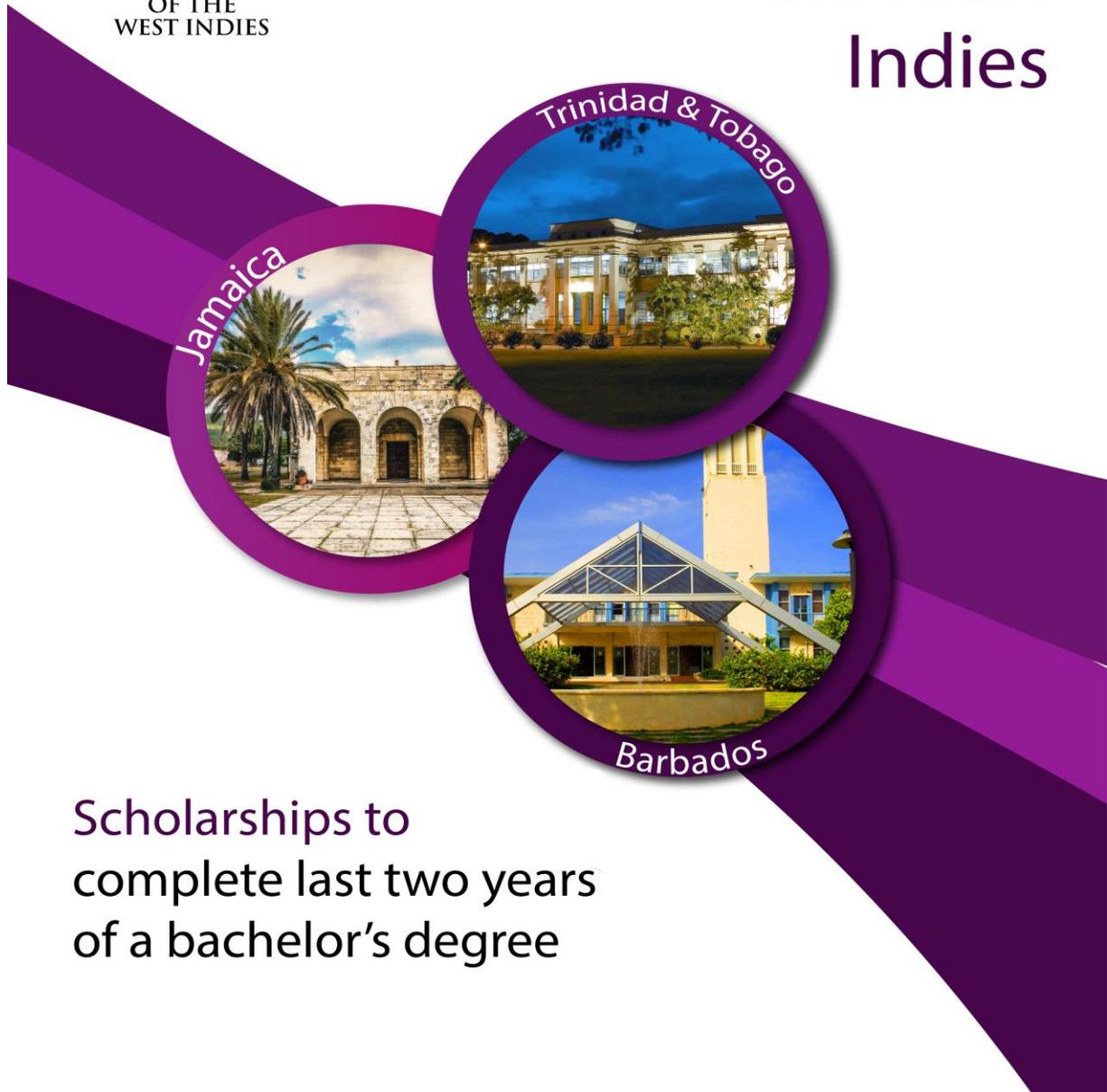
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2020 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES

Study at The
University of
the West
Indies



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

▼ 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.

The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is an internationally recognised university, rooted in the Caribbean. Since 1948, this activist university has provided service and leadership in its mission to advance sustainable development for the survival of the Caribbean economy and society.

For the second consecutive year, *Times Higher Education*, a premier ranking agency, has placed The UWI among the top 600 universities in the world, and the top 40 in Latin America and the Caribbean. The UWI is the **only Caribbean university** to make these prestigious lists.

Established as a University College of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students, The UWI has evolved into a full-fledged university with more than 50,000 students and five campuses: **Mona, Jamaica** (1948); **St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago** (1961); **Cave Hill, Barbados** (1963); **Open Campus** with over 40 Sites across the Caribbean (2008); and **Five Islands, Antigua and Barbuda** (2019). A satellite campus of The UWI Mona, the Western Jamaica Campus, was established in the 2008/2009 academic year. A Centre for Hotel and Tourism Management and a School of Clinical Medicine and Research also operate in The Bahamas.

One of only two regional universities in the world, The UWI covers some 2.8 million square kilometres of sea, from Belize in Central America to Trinidad and Tobago in the southern Caribbean. It is one of the world's most globalised universities, with centres in North America, Latin America, Asia, and Africa such as the **State University of New York (SUNY)-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development**; the **Canada-Caribbean Institute** with Brock University; the **Strategic Alliance for Hemispheric Development** with Universidad de los Andes; the **UWI-China Institute of Information Technology** with the Global Institute of Software Technology; the **University of Lagos-UWI Institute of African and Diaspora Studies**, the **Institute for Global African Affairs** with the University of Johannesburg, the **UWI-University of Havana Centre for Sustainable Development**; and the **UWI-Coventry Institute for Industry-Academic Partnership** with the University of Coventry in England.

In 2019, as part of the first-ever Caribbean Reparatory Justice initiative, The UWI and Glasgow University in Scotland created the **Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research**.

Its programmes, international in scope with a unique Caribbean focus, make The UWI the ideal educational institution for local, regional and international students. **More than 800** certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes are offered in **Engineering, Food and Agriculture, Humanities and Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Sport**. Programmes are delivered face-to-face and online, as well as through franchise arrangements with community colleges and other tertiary institutions.

Through its annual output of graduates, Caribbean-focused research and policy advice to governments and the private sector, The UWI continues its contribution to the region's stability and development. The university is committed to creating knowledge, applying and translating that knowledge into solutions, and improving lives in our region and the world. Globally recognised particularly for our research and activism on climate change and climate resilience, the International Association of Universities has selected The UWI to be its **global leader in mobilising research and advocacy** towards a 'climate-smart world'.

▼ **ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

The University of the West Indies has an exceptional **record of producing leaders in the Caribbean and wider world**. The vast majority of Caribbean scholars and more than 20 current and former Caribbean Prime Ministers and Heads of State proudly call The UWI their *alma mater*. Our **alumni base numbers well over 240,000** who are at the forefront of their fields locally, regionally, and internationally. Two of the three Nobel Laureates of Caribbean descent had direct ties to the University: Mona alumnus Sir Derek A. Walcott (Nobel Prize for Literature, 1992) and former Vice-Chancellor, Sir Arthur Lewis (Nobel Prize for Economics, 1979). 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 and Albert Arnold Gore Jr, for their contribution as authors of special scientific working group reports.

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's 2017-2022 strategic plan, themed the *Triple A Strategy*, focusses on widening **Access** to quality tertiary education, **Alignment** of the University with academic-industry partnerships relevant to the region's needs and improved **Agility** through global connections and initiatives. It is all aimed at achieving the vision of an even more globally-agile, regionally-engaged, digitally-driven, academic

community dedicated to playing an active role to promote growth in the Caribbean economy and the society. Visit www.uwi.edu.

▼ TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS

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

PROGRAMS	All undergraduate programs, except 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 2020.</i>
MODALITY	Onsite in Barbados, Jamaica or Trinidad and Tobago
LANGUAGE	English
DURATION	1 - 2 years
CALENDAR	Application for Admission deadline: June 1, 2020 Scholarship application: June 30, 2020 Classes begin: August 2020 (<i>Subject to change</i>)
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The UWI will charge a maximum of USD \$6,000* to cover the tuition fees per year. ✓ 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. <p><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></p>
IMPORTANT NOTE	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 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 2020 only.

University Contact Information:

Applicants can contact Ms. Marjorie Rose-Parkes at marjorie.roseparkes@gmail.com for more information about the university's admission process and programs.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply for an OAS – UWI scholarship, applicants must fill out the OAS online Scholarship application form and provide the following documentations:
 1. **Government issued 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.
- **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.
- **Only applicants who have been admitted to UWI will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**

▼ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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 2020 (subject to change) 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 2020 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 majeure, 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 with the subject "OAS-University of the West Indies Bachelor's Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships

<https://twitter.com/OASscholarships>

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