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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE

WEST INDIES

Application deadline June 30, 2018

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the <u>Organization of</u> <u>American States</u> (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports <u>OAS member States</u> 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 (UWI), established in 1948 initially as an external College of the University of London and made fully independent in 1962, is the oldest, fully regional institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth Caribbean. Supported by seventeen countries all current or former colonies of Great Britain, the University is committed to the development of the region through the training of its human resources, conducting research, delivering advisory services to governments as well as to the private sector and forging links with other institutions in the wider region and the rest of the world. The University has expanded to four campuses that serve diverse communities across the Caribbean region Cave Hill (in Barbados), Mona (in Jamaica) and St. Augustine (in Trinidad) and the Open Campus all of which deliver high quality education, research and services to all 17 contributing countries that support the University. The University of the West Indies currently has a total enrollment of over 47,000 students and graduates annually over 8,000 students (at undergraduate, graduate and diploma levels).

	PROGRAMS	 All undergraduate programs, <u>except</u> for those of the Faculties of Law and Medical Sciences. Open to students who will enroll at UWI to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree program beginning August 2018.
	MODALITY	Onsite, in Barbados, Jamaica or Trinidad and Tobago
	LANGUAGE	English
	DURATION	1 - 2 years
	CALENDAR	Application for Admission deadline: June 4, 2018 Scholarship application: June 30, 2018 Classes begin: August 2018
	BENEFITS	 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. *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.
	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 OVERVIEW

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) <u>University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados</u>
- a) University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in Jamaica
- b) <u>University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago</u>

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.

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University Contact Information:

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Gather Supporting Documents and Apply online

- To apply for an OAS UWI scholarship, applicants must fill out the OAS online scholarship application form and attach ALL required supporting documentation. The list of required documentation can be found through the link below.
- ALL the required documents must be combined into <u>one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)</u>. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to summit 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.

<u>Click Here for the Online Scholarship Application Form</u> <u>and List of Supporting Documents</u>

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

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
RECIFIENTS	scholarship. Estimated cost of living: Jamaica - <u>https://www.mona.uwi.edu/law/fees-scholarships-and-living-costs</u> Barbados - <u>https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/financial/fees/livingexpenses.aspx</u> Trinidad & Tobago - <u>https://sta.uwi.edu/fms/vet/TutitonCostandFinancialAid.asp</u>

- ✓ 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 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 2018 only.
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- ➢ Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any <u>OAS member state</u>*
 - 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; <u>http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc</u> and send it to the <u>National Liaison Office</u> (ONE) in Argentina.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- \otimes GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- \otimes 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 The University of the West Indies and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the <u>criteria</u> listed above. The names of the scholarship awardees will be published in July 2018 <u>www.oas.org/scholarships</u>.

Notification of
selectedThe 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 <u>scholarships@oas.org</u> with the subject "OAS-University of the West Indies Bachelor's Scholarship Program"

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.oas.org/scholarships

<u>https://twitter.com/OASscholarships</u>

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