



OAS | Scholarships

2024 OAS-UWI SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Mona,
Jamaica**



**St. Augustine,
Trinidad and Tobago**



**Cave Hill,
Barbados**



**THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES**

**Five Islands,
Antigua and Barbuda**



**Global
Campus**



▼ 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 programmes 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) has been and continues to be a pivotal force in every aspect of Caribbean development, residing at the center of all efforts to improve the well-being of people across the region for over 75 years. From a University College of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948, The UWI is today an internationally respected, global university with nearly 50,000 students and five campuses: Mona in Jamaica, St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago, Cave Hill in Barbados, Five Islands in Antigua and Barbuda and its Global Campus (formerly Open Campus), and global centres in partnership with universities in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe.
- For more information, visit www.uwi.edu.



▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

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| PROGRAMMES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Early Childhood Development and Family Studies Bachelor’s and Certificate programmes offered by the Global Campus ❖ Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes offered by the Cave Hill, Mona and St. Augustine campuses |
| MODALITY | Onsite in Barbados, Jamaica or Trinidad and Tobago and online only via the Global Campus which extends across the English-speaking Caribbean. |
| LANGUAGE | English |
| DURATION | 12 months – 36 months |
| CALENDAR | <p>Application for Admission deadline: May 31, 2024 Valid from Semester II, 2023/2024</p> |
| BENEFITS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The UWI, at the Cave Hill, Mona and St. Augustine campuses, shall apply a one-time tuition waiver of USD \$1,000 for the top-ranked OAS-UWI Scholarship Recipients pursuing an undergraduate or a postgraduate programme, while the Global Campus shall apply a one-time tuition waiver of USD \$378 for the scholarship recipients pursuing the Certificate or year 1 of the Bachelor of Education degree in Early Childhood Development and Family Studies. ✓ The GS/OAS shall provide a one-time tuition allowance of USD \$3,000 for OAS-UWI Scholarship Recipients pursuing an undergraduate or a postgraduate programme at the Cave Hill, Mona or St. Augustine campuses. ✓ The GS/OAS will provide a one-time tuition allowance of USD \$3,500 for Scholarship recipients at the Global Campus pursuing the Certificate programme or the Bachelor of Education programme in Early Childhood Development and Family Studies, for which recipients must be in the first year of study. These funds will be paid directly to the University. |
| 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. Please note that this rule does not apply to the Global Campus since its programmes are fully online. |

Note: The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) reserves the right to cancel this scholarship announcement at any time during the process. The GS/OAS and its staff will not be responsible for any action that derives from the information in this announcement.

▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAMMES

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

- a) [University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados](#)
- b) [University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in Jamaica](#)
- c) [University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago](#)
- d) [University of the West Indies, Global Campus](#)
- e) [About Us | Institute for Gender and Development Studies \(uwi.edu\)](#)

Student/Applicant's profile

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

Admission Process:

Before applying for admission, students are encouraged to read the programme of study description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please go to the University's websites for more information.

University Contact Information:

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

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants, who may access the online scholarship application form located at <https://uwi.edu/gsr/oas-scholarships>, must have:

- ✓ Either a UWI enrolment offer or status letter;
- ✓ An official transcript indicating a GPA of 3.00 or higher;
- ✓ National Identification
- ✓ Two Letters from recommendation, one of which must be either from a University Lecturer, School Principal, School Registrar or a current Employer;
- ✓ Two Essays, each of which must be not more than 500 words and must be based on the following questions:
 - a) Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position.
 - b) The OAS – UWI Scholarship requires a recipient of an onsite scholarship to return to his or her country of citizenship or legal residence for 2 years upon completion of study. However, irrespective of whether you are an onsite or an online recipient, please explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you pursue to the development in your country or region.

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) where applicable;
- ✓ 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/TuitionCostandFinancialAid.asp>

Global Campus - <https://global.uwi.edu/admissions/tuition-fees>

- ✓ 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 maintain a satisfactory performance, i.e. a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Either provide an unconditional admission letter or a status letter from The University of the West Indies:
- 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. Please note that this rule does not apply to the Global Campus since its programmes are fully online.*
 - 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.
- ⊗ Global Campus candidates already in receipt of scholarships/sponsorships are ineligible to receive the scholarships awarded by the OAS.

▼ 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 motivation statement portray the highest potential for impact upon graduation
- ✓ Gender diversity.
- ✓ Demonstration of financial need.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

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| 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 no later than July 1, 2024 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. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted. |

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 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).
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the awardee before the start date of the programme 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.
- ✓ Except for the students of the Global Campus, 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 CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject “OAS-UWI Scholarship Program.”

▼ INFORMATION FOR UWI MONA, FSS STUDENTS

Students registered in the Faculty of Social Sciences at The UWI, Mona who have been awarded a scholarship through the OAS-UWI 75th Anniversary Commemorative Scholarship Fund (CSF) may also apply for this OAS-UWI scholarship program, if additional funding is needed.

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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