

OECS | ADVANCED DIGITAL SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP 2026

ELIGIBLE
STATES:



Fully Funded Scholarships:

-  Digital Marketing & E-Commerce
-  Project Management
-  Mobile App Development & Web Design
-  Cybersecurity & Data Analytics
-  Animation & 2D/3D Graphics
-  Artificial Intelligence & Agentic AI
-  Autonomous Car Engineering & Robotics

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026

The OECS Advanced Digital Skills Scholarship Opens on September 10

Joint Media Release

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission is proud to announce the 2026 application call for the OECS Advanced Digital Skills Scholarship Programme. This scholarship is made available through the Caribbean Digital Transformation Project (CARDTP) and delivered by The University of the West Indies (The UWI) Global Campus. CARDTP is a World Bank-financed initiative aimed at strengthening advanced digital competencies across the Eastern Caribbean.

Building on the success of Cohort I, which concluded earlier this year with 200+ certifications, the programme continues to expand opportunities for citizens across the OECS Member States of **Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and**

the Grenadines, and Anguilla to access high-quality, industry-relevant digital skills training designed to prepare them for the future of work and global advancements.

Applications for Cohort II will open on September 10 and close on **September 20, 2026**. Eligible citizens are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen their digital competencies, earn industry-recognized certifications, and advance their career prospects in an increasingly digital world.

Scholarships are available in the following subject areas:

- Application Development
- Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning
- Cloud Computing
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analytics
- Database Management & Administration
- Digital Marketing
- E-Learning Instructional Skills
- Financial Technology & Blockchain
- Graphics/Animation
- Mobile App Development
- Project Management
- UX/UI Design Skills
- Web Development
- Business Analysis
- Data Security
- Enterprise Resource Management (ERP)
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Networking
- Robotics
- System Administration
- Virtualization
- e-Commerce

The OECS region has a strong tradition of educational achievement, but many employers continue to report challenges in finding candidates with specialized digital competencies. CARDTP seeks to address critical digital skills gaps, strengthen workforce readiness, and create a pool of advanced digital talent capable of supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth throughout the OECS.

As the digital economy continues to create new opportunities around the world, there is an increasing need for individuals to develop the skills required to thrive in a technology-driven workforce. The Advanced Digital Skills Programme is designed to help bridge this gap by providing participants with practical, in-demand training that enhances their career prospects, supports entrepreneurship, and opens doors to regional and international employment opportunities, including remote work.

The OECS Commission and The UWI Global Campus are committed to ensuring that citizens are well positioned to participate in the global digital economy, access remote work opportunities, and contribute meaningfully to the digital transformation of their countries. The programme also supports the development of the OECS Digital Skills Bank, creating a pool of advanced and specialised digital talent that can help attract investment from technology-driven industries, strengthen the regional workforce, and improve the Caribbean's competitiveness in the global digital economy.

Applicants can fill-in the application form and find out more information on programme offerings, eligibility requirements, and the application process [here](#).

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About 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 centre of all efforts to improve the well-being of people across the region for the past 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 near 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, and global centres in partnership with universities in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

About The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is an international intergovernmental organisation dedicated to fostering regional integration in the Eastern Caribbean.

The OECS was established on June 18, 1981, when seven Eastern Caribbean countries signed a treaty to promote cooperation, unity, and solidarity among the Members. This agreement became known as the Treaty of Basseterre, named after the capital city of St. Kitts and Nevis, where it was signed. The OECS now comprises twelve Member States, including the full Member States of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. These full members are part of the Economic Union, benefiting from the free movement of people and goods. The British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Martinique, Guadeloupe, and Saint Martin are associate Member States.