



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**  
**MONA CAMPUS**  
**Department of Government**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP FOR ACADEMIC YEAR  
2021/2022**

The Department of Government (DGOV), University of the West Indies, is accepting applications for its 2021/2022 Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP). The Programme is a support programme that provides financial assistance to students registered as full-time Postgraduate Students in the Department, in exchange for the satisfactory fulfilment of assigned duties and activities as assigned by the Department. The value of the financial support is directly applied, being credited towards tuition fees only. Any other miscellaneous fees or shortfall as identified by the Bursary, is the sole responsibility of the awardee.

This year, each awardee will receive a total of J\$230,000 for the Assistantship which will be paid in installments over the course of the academic year and is applied on a semester by semester basis. These payments or the credits applied per semester are done by and are the responsibility of the University's Bursary Department. However, it is to be noted that any deficiency ascertained in the performance of duties, service delivery or conduct will result in a 20% reduction in the award, as upon the recommendation of the Head of Department.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Graduate Assistants (GAs) are selected by members of a DGOV Graduate Assistant Committee. The criteria for selection are based on the prospective candidate:

- being duly registered as a full-time student in the DGOV.
- not being employed full-time or otherwise elsewhere in terms of commitments.
- not being in receipt of any scholarship or assistance.
- possessing the requisite undergraduate academic performance criteria.
- possessing a mature approach demonstrating, experience, need, and talent.

Once awarded, maintenance of the Graduate Assistantship is subject to the GA maintaining high grades, exhibiting positive work ethics, good interpersonal skills toward their peers and DGOV staff members, as well as an acceptable overall performance of assigned duties and responsibilities. Supervisors will be required to complete an Assessment Report and an overall Evaluation Report for their assignees each Semester.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

GAs are required to work at least (10) hours per week. These duties will basically include (but are not limited to):

1. **Administrative duties:** Providing the administrative staff with assistance in terms of supporting the day-to-day activities of the DGOV office.
2. **Research duties:** Providing the academic staff with assistance in terms of supporting their research activities i.e., Undertaking Literature Reviews, administering questionnaires.
3. **Outreach duties:** Assisting the DGOV with its activities, seminars, conferences, outreach to schools, etc., Governance Society et.al., as well as UWI recruitment and branding efforts and activities.
4. **Teaching:** Tutor specific courses or tutorials and marking coursework assignments in the DGOV.

The Head of Department and/or the Supervisor will assign specific duties to the GA as per the tasks from 1-4 et.al., and with respect to the needs of the Department.

GAs are prohibited from engaging in other full-time employment, organizing, and conducting any activity that can be interpreted as a conflict of interest with their assigned duties and commitment as outlined. Disciplinary actions will be taken against any GA found guilty of breaching these criteria which will result summarily in a ***reduction in monetary emoluments and or the termination of services.***

## **APPLICATION CRITERIA & QUALIFICATIONS**

All graduate students applying, **MUST:**

1. Be a **Full-Time** graduate student enrolled in the Department of Government, of the University of the West Indies.
2. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or possess the requisite undergraduate academic performance criteria.
3. Not currently be a recipient of a scholarship or award to complete his or her MSc. If the student was a past recipient of a scholarship or award, they must ensure that they have evidence that the previous award has ceased, to be eligible.
4. Not be employed elsewhere full-time, part-time, or otherwise in terms of external commitments.
5. Research experience and or knowledge of research methods would be an asset

## **NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

1. A completed Scholarship Application Form
2. A current resume
3. Two (2) recommendations- letters or completed Affidavit Forms from a UWI Academic Staff member and/or previous employer
4. Proof of GPA ( which can be a printout from SAS)

All required documents **must be sent by email in WORD or PDF only** to the following email addresses:

- Dr. Suzette Haughton ([suzette.haughton@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:suzette.haughton@uwimona.edu.jm)) or
- Dr Carol Nelson [carolnelson038@gmail.com](mailto:carolnelson038@gmail.com)

## **DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION**

ALL documents no later than Midnight **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2021.**  
Successful recipients will be notified by **SEPTEMBER 10, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to

- Dr. Suzette Haughton [suzette.haughton@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:suzette.haughton@uwimona.edu.jm)) or
- Dr Carol Nelson [carolnelson038@gmail.com](mailto:carolnelson038@gmail.com)

**Documents sent in the wrong format will be rejected.**

**If the application is incomplete the application will not be processed**

# GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## BIOGRAPHIC PROFILE

1. UWI ID #:

2. TRN #:

3. **NAME**

Title

Last Name/Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

4. **Former  
NAME  
(If Applicable)**

Title

Last Name/Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

5. Name Type of Former Name: Maiden  (Prior to) Deed Poll  Other  Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth

7. Sex: Male  Female

8. Marital Status

9. Country of Birth

10. Nationality

11. Are you a UWI Staff Member? Yes  No

12. Are you a dependent of a UWI Staff Member? Yes  No

13a. Which Department of Government MSc. programme are you currently enrolled in?

**13b. Career Objective: State your career goals, and the contribution you think you will be able to make towards the development of your country**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**14. Permanent Address**

Apt./Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Term/Mailing Address** (if you reside on Hall please provide full details)

Apt./Street/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town

Country

Home Phone

City/Town

Parish

Country

<b>16. E-mail Address:</b>	<b>17. Cellular Phone #</b> (876)	<b>18. Contact #1</b>	<b>19. Contact #2</b>

**ACADEMIC PROFILE**

<b>20. Previous Faculty and Dept.</b>	<b>21. GPA</b>	<b>22. Programme (B.A., B.Sc. etc.)</b>	<b>23. Previous Major/Option</b>
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<b>24. Enrolment Status</b> Full Time [ ] Part Time [ ]	<b>25. Degree of qualification?</b>	<b>26. Duration Date Started:</b>	<b>27. Duration Date Completed:</b>
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<b>28. Campus</b>	<b>29. Hall of Residence</b>	<b>30. Hall of Residence</b>
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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>31. Have you applied for any scholarships? Yes [ ] No [ ]</b>		
<b>32. If Yes, state name of Award</b> _____ Value \$ _____		
<b>33. If yes to Ques. 31 state name of:</b>	<b>34. Faculty</b>	<b>35. Campus</b>
<b>36. Have you been awarded a Scholarship/Bursary tenable at UWI Yes [ ] No [ ]</b>		
<b>37. If Yes, state name of Award</b> _____ Value \$ _____		

**38. Co-Curricular Record (On/Off Campus)**

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**39. Work Experience**

**Indicate jobs held within last five years (including vacation employment)**

Name of Organization	Position Held	From	To	Salary /month

**40. Academic distinctions and/or prizes received:**

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**41. State reason(s) for applying for this Graduate Assistantship:**

**42. In addition to research and administrative duties GA's will be required to assist with the management of the DGOV Public Relations, Graduate Seminars, Event Coordination, Outreach and Digital Media Tasks. Please indicate any particular task that you would be interested in undertaking?**

- 1.  **Public Relations** – Assist with the DGOV Public Relations, Branding and Marketing
- 2.  **Outreach Activities**– Assist with the management of the DGOV outreach projects, UWI Recruitment Drive, field events.
- 3.  **Social Media Management** – Assist with the management of the DGOV Website/Facebook Page/Twitter Account. etc.
- 4.  **Event Coordination** – Assist with the coordination of Seminars, Workshops, Roundtables, Conferences or other Department of Government events
- 5.  **Graduate Seminars** – Assist to plan, organize and set up venue, equipment etc., contact potential presenters, design, print and distribute flyers & info to relevant audiences
- 6.  **Teaching Observation, Tutorials** – assist in the scheduling and grading of DGOV related coursework exercises
- 7.  **Research, activities** – assist in Literature Reviews, administering questionnaires and related research exercises

**For Official Use Only**  
**Documents Submitted**

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**Assessment Committee's Decision**

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**REFEREE'S AFFIDAVIT**

***N.B. Referees must know the applicant for at least two (2) years and should be able to attest to the information provided by the applicant***

1. <b>NAME</b>	Last Name/Surname	2. First Name	3. Middle Initial(s)

4. Home Address

5. Telephone (Mobile) (876)	6. Telephone (W) (876)	7. E-mail Address:

8. Occupation:	9. Name of Employer/Business:

10. Name of <b>STUDENT</b> being recommended:

11. How long have you known him/her?	Year(s)	Month(s)

12. In what capacity?
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13. What do you know of the applicant's family?
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14. What do you know about the current employment status of the applicant?

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15. Is this person experiencing financial difficulties? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'yes', please explain:

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16. Would you regard the student as someone with integrity? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'yes', please explain why:

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17. How would this Assistantship benefit the student?

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18. What do you know about the co-curricular activities of the applicant?

19. Is there any other pertinent information that you think we should know? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'yes', please explain

20. I hereby declare that the information provided above and by the applicant is to the best of my knowledge true.

Signed

Date

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