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Dear Successful Applicant,

Welcome to The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus! As a UWI student you are now a part of a rich Caribbean legacy. This is your place to shine as we not only provide for your academic needs but provide for your holistic development through sporting activities, performing arts activities, cultural events, clubs, societies and inter-hall competitions. There is much to be gained from the UWI experience as it presents the opportunity for students to make life-long friendships. With eighteen (18) Caribbean heads of state among our alumni, the friendships and connections made while here could prove to be very beneficial.

We know that the Coronavirus Pandemic has presented several challenges including the delivery of our programmes online. Notwithstanding, we do hope that at some point during your time with us you will be able to enjoy and benefit from the services and facilities designed specifically for you. These include:

- State of the art lecture theatres and computer labs
- Highly qualified Faculty
- Up-to-date library facilities and resources
- Modern sporting facilities
- A students' union that has a restaurant, club, gymnasium, beauty salon, travel agency and supermarket and which hosts many student parties and other events
- Socially active student clubs and societies where you can enjoy dancing, debating, sports and much more

In addition, you will have great opportunities for your development as you progress in your studies at The UWI, Mona. One particularly exciting programme is the Welcome and Cultural Immersion Programme for our non-Jamaican students.

To this end I take the opportunity to invite you to our one (1) day Virtual Special International and Regional Students Orientation Programme scheduled to be held August 25, 2021. The programme will focus on helping you to adjust to life in Jamaica as well as introduce you to the UWI system and how to make the most of your time with us. If you will be joining us for the Special Orientation Programme please respond to this letter by e-mail to

isomona@uwimona.edu.jm no later than August 13, 2021. We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/> in August for the details of the Orientation Programme.

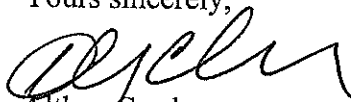
If you will be traveling to Jamaica and you have been assigned on-campus housing, you are asked to forward your arrival information as soon as this is finalized so that arrangements can be made for you to be met at the airport. Please note that transportation is provided for students **only**. Students should send their arrival information to the Lodgings Office at uwilodgings@yahoo.com. Pick-up at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) will be done **Mondays to Fridays** during the period August 20th to September 5th, 2021. For students arriving on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) you may make arrangements for transportation with the JUTA representatives at the airport. Students residing off campus will also be required to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport. Students are strongly encouraged to use the services of the Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA) located at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA). This is a safe means of transportation from the airport. The JUTA Company works closely with our Office of Student Services and Development and so they take very good care of our students. This service comes at a cost of between US\$20 and US\$40 depending on the number of persons in your group.

For students traveling to Jamaica, please note that all regional and international students admitted to The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, are required to get an "Extension of Stay" visa after they have registered at The UWI. Attached for your information is the Immigration Fact Sheet which outlines the procedure for applying for the "Extension of Stay". The International Students Office team will help to guide you through this process. Additional information regarding this process will be provided during our orientation programme.

We are happy to help you and welcome communication from you at any time. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. We encourage you to visit our website at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/> for more information that you may find useful as you prepare to come to Jamaica.

We look forward to meeting you!

Yours sincerely,



Althea Gordon,
For Campus Registrar