



## **THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

MONA, JAMAICA, WEST INDIES

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Dear Successful Applicant,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to The University of the West Indies Monna Campus for the 2024/2025 academic year. Whether you are a regional or international student, we are delighted to have you join our vibrant and diverse community.

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 also your holistic development through sports, the performing arts, cultural events, clubs, societies and inter-hall competitions.

At The UWI Monna, we are committed to providing a world-class education that is grounded in academic excellence, research, and innovation. Our faculty members are highly qualified and dedicated to ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in their chosen fields.

As you embark on your academic journey with us, we encourage you to take advantage of all that The UWI Monna has to offer. We have a wide range of academic programs,

extracurricular activities, and student support services that are designed to help you achieve your goals and make the most of your university experience.

We understand that starting a new academic year can be both exciting and daunting, especially for those of you who are new to our campus and our country. Please know that we are here to support you every step of the way. Our Admissions and International Office, academic advisors, Office of Student Services and Development (OSSD), and other student support offices are here to answer your questions, provide guidance, and help you navigate any challenges you may encounter.

As you settle into your new home away from home, we encourage you to get involved in campus life and take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to you. Whether it's joining a student club or organization, volunteering in the community, or participating in a research project, there are countless ways to get involved and make a difference.

### **Orientation**

We look forward to formally welcoming you at our Special International and Regional Students Orientation Session scheduled to be held on **August 20, 2024**. The programme will focus on helping you to adjust to life in Jamaica as well as introducing you to The UWI systems and how to make the most of your time with us.

If you plan on joining us for the Special Orientation Programme please visit [www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/orientation-survey](http://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/orientation-survey) and fill out our Orientation Registration Form. You can also visit our website at [www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/](http://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/) in August for the details of the Orientation Programme. As a new student, you are also required to attend the General and Faculty Orientation Sessions. Visit [www.mona.uwi.edu/firstyear/](http://www.mona.uwi.edu/firstyear/) for the full schedule of orientation activities.

### **Transportation**

If you will be traveling to Jamaica and 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 first-year students only. Students should send their arrival information to the Lodgings Office at [lodgings.ossd@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:lodgings.ossd@uwimona.edu.jm). Pick-up at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) will be done Mondays to Fridays with a close-off time at 8:00 pm during the period of mid-August to the first week of September 2024.

Students arriving on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and students residing off-campus will need to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport. These students are strongly encouraged to use the services of the Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA) located at the NMIA. The JUTA Company is safe and works closely with the OSSD, so they take very good care of our students. This service comes at a cost which may vary based on the number of persons in your group. For more details and support regarding airport pickups contact JUTA at [noelwilliams25@yahoo.com](mailto:noelwilliams25@yahoo.com) or (876) 401-5695.

## **Immigration**

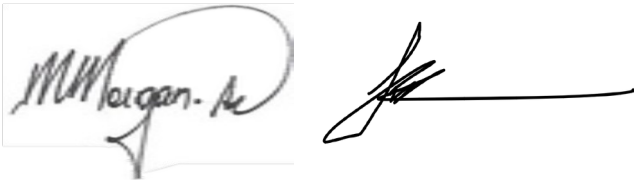
For students traveling to Jamaica, please note that all regional and international students admitted to The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, are required to get an "Extension of Stay" visa after they have registered at The UWI Mona. Attached for your information is the Immigration Fact Sheet which outlines the "Extension of Stay" application process. 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.

If you are travelling from a non-Commonwealth country or are from Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, British Virgin Islands, or the Cayman Islands, you may be required to obtain an Entry Visa before arriving in Jamaica. Please check your status using the following link: [www.pica.gov.jm/immigration/entry-visa-requirements](http://www.pica.gov.jm/immigration/entry-visa-requirements). If you need a visa to enter Jamaica, please contact the nearest Jamaican Embassy for further guidance. The Entry Visa acts as a landing permit; therefore, students will still need to acquire an "Extension of Stay" a few weeks after arriving in Jamaica. Please refer to the Immigration Fact Sheet for more details.

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

Once again, welcome to The University of the West Indies Mona Campus. We are thrilled to have you join our community. We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your academic journey.

Yours sincerely,

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