



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

MONA CAMPUS

OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS REGISTRAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICE

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 lifelong friendships. With fourteen (23) Caribbean heads of state among our alumni, the friendships and connections made while here could prove to be very beneficial.

At The UWI 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 also 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 two (2) day Special International and CARICOM Students Orientation Programme scheduled to be held from August 21st to 22nd, 2017. 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 two (2) day Special Orientation Programme please respond to this letter by e-mail to

isomona@uwimona.edu.jm no later than August 18, 2017. We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.mona.uwi.edu/iss/> in August for the details of the Orientation Programme.

For student's 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 18th to September 1, 2017 between the hours 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. Pick-up arrangements have been made with the Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA) office at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) for students arriving on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday). Further, please note that students residing off campus will be required to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport. Again, arrangements may be made, upon arrival, with the Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA) office at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA).

To help you begin your "UWI" journey, you are invited to view our Regional and International Students Handbook at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/sites/default/files/iso/uploads/Handook.pdf>. The purpose of this Handbook is to provide you with information that we hope will assist you with the transition process so that you will feel more comfortable coming to a new environment.

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".

We are happy to help you and welcome communication from you at any time. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We encourage you to visit our website 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-Clennon
For Campus Registrar