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Mindful of the critical need to fund the developmental work from sources other than the traditional government ones, the Campus has continued on its aggressive path of collaboration with Funding Agencies, Local and International Businesses and developing its internal self-financing ventures.

A. Multi-lateral Funding

The United States Agency for International Development as well as other local and international agencies continued to collaborate with the University in financing research and other activities. Examples of the areas in which these organisations have assisted in research at the Mona Campus include:

- * A five-year, US\$4,065,822 grant from the National Cancer Institute for research on Natural History of Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type 1, (HTLV-1) in the Caribbean.
- * A six-month US\$20,000.00 grant from The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO for research in Phytoplankton and Microphytobenthos Assessment Associated with the Conch Industry of Pedro Banks.
- * A two-year US\$215,000 grant from the Third World Academy of Sciences for research in The Threat of Dengue Fever - Assessment of Impacts and Adaptation to Climate Change in Human Health in the Caribbean.
- * A one-year EURO 250,000 grant from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) for research in Strengthening the capacity for Collection, Indexing, Dissemination and Use of Disaster Related Information.

Some of the research activity being conducted by the Centre for Marine Sciences have been facilitated through funding made available by a number of national, regional and international agencies.

The CCDC received the sum of US\$10,000 from the Australian Institute of Marine Sciences to facilitate the management of coral reef monitoring data from the Northern Caribbean. The funds were used to organise better dissemination of coral reef data through the internet, and to assist in compiling reports to the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network.

As part of the **Ridge to Reef** project, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA) made available the amount of J\$1,000,000 to the Centre for Marine Sciences to facilitate analytical work on water quality in the Great River. The Coastal Water Improvement Programme (CWIP) also made the sum of US\$18,000 to facilitate collaborative work on the Coastal Water Quality Monitoring Programme (Portland, Negril, Ocho Rios) with the College of Agriculture Science and Education (CASE), the National Water Commission and the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA).

The Department of Pathology and the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, signed a new five-year US\$4,000,000 contract to continue work on the HTLV-1 Project. Specific research objectives for the project over the next five years include:

- * a study of HTLV-1 associated leukaemia and lymphoma
- * neurological disease associated with HTLV-1
- * the natural history for HTLV-1 infection in adults and children
- * a linkage study of HTLV-1 carriers and ATL and TSP/HAM registries.

B. Private Sector Support

Local and international businesses have also been very generous in their support of the programmes at the Mona Campus. Such support has taken the form of directly funded scholarships as well as contributions to the Principal's Scholarship Fund and the Office of Student Financing, endowed professorships, internships for students, placement of graduates and direct funding of activities.



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The Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre

C. Business Development

Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre

In response to the overwhelming demand expressed by customers, the banqueting facilities at the Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre were expanded to triple its original capacity. During the period being reviewed, The Lodge accommodated over 100 workshops and 60 special events catering to over 16,000 private and public sector participants.

The 4,250 sq ft extension to the Banqueting Hall was completed and formally opened on April 19, 2002 at a ceremony attended by the Minister of Finance and Planning, the Minister of Education, members of University and Campus Council, representatives of the public and private sectors in Jamaica, the diplomatic corps and other members of the university and wider communities.

Other additions to the physical plant at The Lodge include a 2,000 sq ft terrace and a 1,700 sq ft patio adjoining the expanded Banqueting Hall as well as a network of paved pathways across the lawns that have also been attractively landscaped. The Lodge has been and continues to be actively sought after as a venue for

weddings and other high profile social events. A 16-car parking facility was also constructed to facilitate guests of The Lodge.

The projected gross revenue for the Lodge's operations during its first year has exceeded targets for the year ended July 31, 2002. A core staff of marketing, sales and hospitality representatives have received on-the-job training and The Lodge has, in its first year of operation, received certification by the Tourist Development Production Company.

D. University Bookshop

The University Bookshop added several new product lines to its regular stock and recorded an unaudited profit of \$6.8 million for the 2001/2002 fiscal year. The Bookshop has also contributed to showcasing the multi-disciplinary capacity of the University by mounting displays at off-campus conferences and workshops.