

Welcome to The University of the West Indies! You join The UWI family at a special time in our history - a time of reflection, introspection and celebration, and exciting plans for the future.

In 1948, The UWI was merely a fledgling institution with 33 medical students; today we can count 18 current and former Heads of Caribbean Governments among our alumni, and we operate across four campuses – Mona, Cave Hill, St. Augustine and the dynamic Open Campus - with over 50,000 students and faculty from countries across the region and the world. The Mona Campus is once again the largest Campus, with a student population of 18,787 students in 2017, and a record number accepting our offers in 2018.

The UWI has proudly positioned itself as an agent of change, deploying tools for the attainment of social and economic mobility. Our University is not an ‘ivory tower’, but a deliberately crafted aspirational space that welcomes all and actively fosters opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange and social empowerment.

Hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence among our faculty, staff and students have earned The UWI the respect and recognition of global institutions, along with private and public sector partners. We were recently ranked as the 4th best institution in the area of international outlook; 37th overall out of 129 best universities in the Caribbean and Latin America; and 26th in the criteria of research, for this region of the world, by the Times Higher Education rankings.

The University has continued to focus on her pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and service to society as enshrined in our vision. This positions us as a centre of excellence providing high quality teaching and learning experiences, which will engender the production of world class graduates capable of impacting their environment and being globally competitive.

Our partners in the community, private sector and other stakeholder groups continue to play a vital role in achieving the overarching vision. In its over 70 years of existence, The UWI has positioned itself as a hotbed of innovation and collaboration, now with a keen focus on strong growth areas like entrepreneurship and tourism. We aim to provide our students, some coming from surrounding communities, with the skills necessary to succeed in life as individuals and to compete in increasingly global workplaces that engender a service leadership mind-set of how we can succeed together.

It is up to us to not only revel in the legacy of The UWI, but to build on and strengthen the tradition of excellence that has to be rooted in a culture of efficiency, self-reliance and sustainability. You have come at the right time, and I challenge all

of you to enlist in this army of purpose that will achieve and exceed the great visions and expectations of our beloved UWI.

Please, avail yourself of the myriad of opportunities, not only to excel in learning, but possibly to become our leaders and ambassadors. You are now a member of The UWI family.

With best wishes,

Prof. Dale Webber
Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal

About The UWI

For the past 70 years The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has provided service and leadership to the Caribbean region and wider world. The UWI has evolved from a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948 to an internationally respected, regional university with near 50,000 students and four campuses: [Mona](#) in Jamaica, [St. Augustine](#) in Trinidad and Tobago, [Cave Hill](#) in Barbados, and an Open Campus. As part of its robust globalization agenda, The UWI has established partnering centres with universities in North America, Asia, and Africa such as the [State University of New York \(SUNY\)-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development](#), the UWI-China Institute of Information Technology, the University of Lagos (UNILAG)-UWI Institute of African and Diaspora Studies and the Institute for Global African Affairs with the University of Johannesburg (UJ). The UWI offers over 800 certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in Food & Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities & Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Sport.

As the region's premier research academy, The UWI's foremost objective is driving the growth and development of the regional economy. Times Higher Education has ranked The UWI among the top 1,258 universities in world for 2019, and the 40 best universities in its Latin America Rankings for 2018, and was the only Caribbean-based university to make the prestigious lists. For more, visit www.uwi.edu