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The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is offering scholarships as part of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan. The scholarships offered under this Plan are intended for men and women of high intellectual promise, who may be expected to make a significant contribution to their own countries on their return from study abroad.

The Trinidad and Tobago Commonwealth Programme will provide opportunities for students of other Commonwealth countries, to pursue advanced programmes at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad (U.W.I) and University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT).

#### ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are open equally to men and women who are citizens of another Commonwealth country and who are normally resident in any part of the Commonwealth, other than Trinidad and Tobago.

Scholarships are available for postgraduate study in all areas of study (except medicine) offered at the (U.W.I) St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago and (UTT). Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree with at least lower second class honours from a recognized university for studies leading to the Master's degree and a Master's degree for studies leading to the Ph.D degree.

There is no age restriction. However, preference will be given to candidates who have obtained a university degree within the last ten (10) years.

#### TENURE OF AWARD

(a) Taught Master - 12 – 18 months with no provision for extension

(b) M.Phil - 2 years with provision for extension to a maximum of six months  
 (c) Ph.D - 3 years with provision for extension to a maximum period of one year.

The continuance of each scholarship from year to year will be conditional upon the satisfactory progress and conduct of the holder.

#### VALUE OF AWARDS

The awards cover the following expenses:-

- ◆ Transportation by air from the nominating country to Trinidad and return for the scholars as arranged by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- ◆ Tuition and examination fees.
- ◆ Any other compulsory university fees (excluding board and residence fees).
- ◆ A Personal Maintenance Allowance of TT\$3,000.00 per month to cover board and lodging, daily travel and personal expenses.
- ◆ Cost of approved travelling connected with the course of study in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to a maximum of TT \$720.00 per annum.
- ◆ Book allowance of TT. \$3846.00 per annum.
- ◆ An allowance of TT.\$2,500.00 to assist with thesis preparation.

Reasonable hotel charges as agreed upon by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for a period of one (1) week after arrival, in Trinidad to permit the scholar to find suitable accommodation where government accommodation is not provided.

As no dependent allowance is payable, it is essential that scholars who plan to bring their family to Trinidad and Tobago have sufficient financial resources for their support. If these resources are not available serious consideration should be given to leaving your family at home.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will not be responsible for meeting the cost of airfare, for the scholar's spouse and children who must have return tickets to their homeland valid for the duration of their stay in the country.

The above allowances are not subject to tax in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AWARDS

All scholars must return to their own country at the end of their scholarship.

All scholars must follow the approved course of study and abide by the rules of (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT).

A scholarship may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, for a breach of the conditions of the scholarship or for failure to make satisfactory progress.

Scholars will not normally be permitted to take up paid employment during the tenure of their awards.

Scholars will be expected to reside in Trinidad and Tobago throughout the duration of their awards and to seek prior approval for any proposed visit abroad.

The grant of a scholarship is conditional upon the scholar gaining admission to the relevant programme of study at the (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT).

Once selected for a scholarship, the scholars would be required to submit application forms for admission to the (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT) directly to that institution. Notwithstanding persons who wish to apply for the scholarship can proceed to make an application to the (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT).

All applicants whose native language is not English would be required to perform satisfactorily in an English Proficiency Test set by the (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT) would be made for the test to be administered at a recognized university nearest to the candidates.

#### APPLICATIONS

All applicants must submit six (6) copies of the application on the prescribed form together with six (6) copies of all supporting documents except the birth certificate, of which only one (1) copy is required.

Application forms may be obtained from the Commonwealth Scholarship Agency in the applicant's own country.

List of post graduate degrees offered by the (U.W.I) St. Augustine or (UTT) are available at [www.uwi.edu](http://www.uwi.edu), [www.gsb.tt](http://www.gsb.tt), [www.utt.edu.tt](http://www.utt.edu.tt).