
NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES OECS DATA FOR DECISION MAKING PROJECT (DDMP) SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now invited from suitably qualified Vincentian nationals for full scholarships offered by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to pursue on campus studies at the **University of the West Indies (Mona, Cave Hill, St. Augustine or Five Islands)**.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Be a citizen of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- Awards are available to pursue undergraduate or graduate level degree in Statistics, Demography, or Data science
- A Close Relative of Project Officials is not eligible to participate in the Scholarship Programme. Project Officials include any individual employed by the MoFEP (Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning), including all PSIPMU(Public Sector Investment Programme Management Unit) staff, whether hired or not by the Project; PIU(Project Implementation Unit) staff and Statistics Office staff; members of the PSC (Project Steering Committee); members of the Selection Committee; Service Commissions Department also known as Personnel Department; RPIU (Regional Project Implementation Unit); or RDGC (Regional Data Governance Council). Close Relative means a spouse, grandparent, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or niece or nephew.
- Scholarship Programme candidates must pass any medical and mental health screenings necessary for university enrolment and/or government employment.
- Eligible candidates must possess the requisite academic qualifications for their chosen course of study as required by the respective academic institution.
- Eligible candidates must submit proof of enrollment or acceptance to the University of the West Indies in an eligible field of study, as stated above, as a part of their application.
- Applicants must agree, through bonded obligation, to work in the Statistics Office for a duration of at least the length of the applicable degree plus one (1) additional year, immediately following the respective awardee's graduation. for example, a three-year course of study will require a bond service period of four (4) years.
- In the event that an awardee fails to successfully complete the professional, undergraduate, or graduate degree, as applicable, and unless otherwise agreed by the Recipient and the Association, the awardee shall (i) have the obligation to reimburse the MoFEP for any funds invested in courses that the awardee has registered; and (ii) shall not be eligible for further Scholarship Program funds.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

- Each scholarship is **tuition based only** (Eligible expenses: tuition fees and associated registry fees) and will cover costs up to USD\$45,000.00.
- Where a Scholarship Programme awardee secures a partial scholarship from the University of the West Indies or another entity/programme, the Scholarship Programme award will be applied to the remaining portion of eligible expenses for

the current and subsequent academic semesters completed prior to the Project closing date (June 27th, 2027).

- Where a Scholarship Programme awardee is already enrolled in an eligible field of study (as listed above) and has made partial payment to the academic institute, the Scholarship Programme award can be applied to the remaining cost of tuition and other eligible expenses for the current and subsequent academic semesters completed prior to the Project closing date. (June 27th, 2027)
- Reimbursement of fees for academic semesters completed prior to the scholarship award approval date is not allowed.
- Payment of fees for academic semesters after the Project Closing Date (June 27th, 2027) is not allowed.
- Awardees must sign a bond agreement to that effect prior to the disbursement of scholarship funds.
- In the event of a breach of the terms of the bond agreement, the Personnel Department, will be responsible for the enforcement of the bond agreement.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Scholarship Programme eligibility requirements

- Official academic transcript that reflects a minimum GPA of 3.0,
- All academic certificates,
- Curriculum vitae detailing the merits and overall credentials of the applicant including academic and/or professional experience and a completed scholarship form provided by the Personnel Department which each candidate applying for the scholarship must fill out.
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance to a Programme in an accredited academic institution in the eligible field of study,
- Essay on the candidate's (i) motivation for pursuing the chosen field of study, and (ii) interest in a potential career at the Statistical Office in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and public service.
- Two recommendation letters that attest to the candidate's ability to perform and to succeed as a scholarship recipient and describe what contribution and impact the recommender believes the candidate will have on the institution (Statistical Office) and/or St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- Proof of undergraduate degree is required for candidates applying for graduate scholarships

Further information on areas of study and institutions, can be obtained on the following link:

https://psc.gov.vc/psc/images/stories/docs/List_Of_Programmes_Offered_by_UWI_As_Per_Scholarship_Programme.pdf

Application forms can be obtained at the Personnel Department. All applications must be submitted on or before June 30, 2025 to the Chief Personnel Officer.

Chief Personnel Officer