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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
TORONTO *Benefit Awards*
2025
* Bridging the Gap *



* Sponsorship Opportunities *



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES



With a current enrolment of almost 50,000 students, The University of the West Indies (UWI) is committed to serving the needs of the English-speaking Caribbean – 17 sovereign countries. Its primary mission is to advance learning, create knowledge and foster innovation for the positive transformation of the Caribbean and the wider world.

The University has expanded to five campuses that serve diverse communities across the Caribbean region – Mona (Jamaica), Cave Hill (Barbados), St. Augustine (Trinidad & Tobago), Five Islands (Antigua and Barbuda) and the Open Campus (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, The British Virgin Islands, The Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos and Trinidad and Tobago) – all of which deliver high-quality education, research and services to all 17 contributing countries.



FLAGS OF THE CARICOM STATES



Anguilla



Antigua and Barbuda



The Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Bermuda



British Virgin Islands



The Cayman Islands



Dominica



Haiti



Grenada



Guyana



Jamaica



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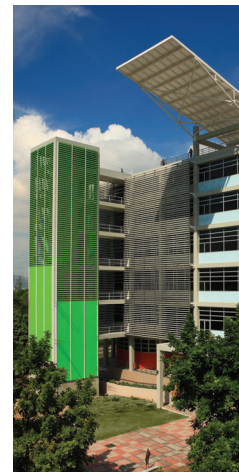
Suriname



The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



Turks and Caicos



The University of The West Indies Toronto Benefit Awards is an extraordinary event on the Toronto social calendar that brings together up to 450 corporate, public, and individual supporters for an inspiring evening of giving, sharing and celebrating.

Under the theme **Bridging the Gap**, the event supports a Scholarship Fund for outstanding academic achievers in the Caribbean, who lack the funds necessary to realize their fullest potential. The event also recognizes Honoured Guests who through their tireless work and accomplishments continue to shine a light of hope for the next generation.

To date we have awarded 900 scholarships to students in dire financial circumstances, in all faculties including Medical Sciences, Law, Arts and Humanities, Science and Technology, Engineering, Social Sciences, at the University of the West Indies, honoured 100 individuals and institutions and raised over Three Million Canadian Dollars. A remarkable feat!

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HONOUREES

The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards has been proud to acknowledge the contributions of 100 outstanding leaders of Caribbean and Canadian heritage, and organizations who have contributed significantly to the Caribbean or brought to prominence issues which affect the Region or benefit the Diaspora. Past honourees include:

Mr. Andre De Grasse; Mr. Basil Watson; The Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain C.C., O.N.B; Ms. Deborah Cox; Mr. Masai Ujiri; Ambassador Susan E. Rice; Dr. The Honourable Justice Michael Tulloch; Mr. Cameron Bailey



SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

The UWI Toronto Benefit Awards 2025 offers opportunities to promote your organization/company across a number of platforms including the UWI Awards website, advertisement in a programme guide, social media and on-screen display during the event.

On behalf of The University of the West Indies, and in particular the students, thank you for your consideration.



★ Premier Package \$50,000

- FIVE (5) scholarships in company's name to be awarded in Spring 2026
- Award presenter at the event
- 10 tickets to Reception and Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
- 10 Valet parking tickets
- Name and logo on invitations, souvenir programme, event promotional flyer, website, and all promotional materials
- Name listed in souvenir programme as a Premier Sponsor
- Prime placement of double-page spread ad in souvenir programme
- Company logo on sponsorship screen in the Ritz-Carlton
- Recognition by Master of Ceremonies as a Premier Sponsor
- Company logo featured in our quarterly newsletter
- Sponsorship mention on social media – Instagram and Facebook

★ Diamond Package \$30,000

- FOUR (4) scholarships in company's name to be awarded in Spring 2026
- Award presenter at the event
- 10 tickets to Reception and Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
- 10 Valet parking tickets
- Name and logo on invitations, souvenir programme, event promotional flyer, website and all promotional materials
- Name listed in souvenir programme as a Diamond Sponsor
- Prime placement of a full-page ad in souvenir programme
- Company logo on sponsorship screen in the Ritz-Carlton
- Recognition by Master of Ceremonies as a Diamond Sponsor
- Company logo featured in our quarterly newsletter
- Sponsorship mention on social media – Instagram and Facebook

★ Platinum Package \$20,000

- THREE (3) scholarships in company name to be awarded in Spring 2026
- 10 tickets to Reception and Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
- 10 Valet parking tickets
- Name listed in souvenir programme as a Platinum Sponsor
- Full Page ad in souvenir programme
- Company logo on Sponsorship Screen in the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
- Recognition by Master of Ceremonies as a Platinum Sponsor
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★ Gold Package \$10,000

- TWO (2) scholarship in company name to be awarded in Spring 2026
- 10 tickets to Reception and Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
- Name listed in souvenir programme as a Gold Sponsor
- Half-page ad in souvenir programme
- Logo on website
- Company logo on Sponsorship Screen in the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
- Company logo featured in our quarterly newsletter



★ Through the Years



Only Caribbean University Ranked Among **BEST IN THE WOR**



Over
\$3.5 million
Canadian Dollars
in funds raised



Over
900
Scholarships
Awarded



99%
Graduation Rate
of Scholarship
Recipients



**120 Community and
Global Leaders**
honoured



Over 25 per year
average number
of sponsors



Over 6, 000 guests
have shared in
the dream

UWI educates
students from
7 sovereign states
across the
English-speaking
Caribbean.

THANK YOU



Appoy Robinson (Cave Hill Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Law in the Faculty of Law
"The **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** has provided me not only with financial assistance but also an incredible boost of motivation and confidence. It is not just the financial aspect but the belief you have shown in me that has inspired me to strive for excellence in my academic pursuits. I look forward to the day when I can give back to students and support their educational dreams, just as this scholarship has done for me. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support."



Brandon Clarke (Mona Campus), a Jamaican, is pursuing his undergraduate degree in Software Engineering in the Faculty of Science and Technology
"The possibility of receiving this **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scotiabank Scholarship** shines a much needed ray of hope upon my academic journey. Beginning my first semester, it became clear that neither I nor my father could handle the payment of my tuition while also maintaining our home life. Receiving this scholarship not only clears the way, even if only for a little bit, of any persisting financial issues but also ends a chapter of my life that was filled with hardship and struggle. Once again, I am grateful for the opportunity this scholarship presents and eager to see where university life takes me next."



Isabella Cardinez (St. Augustine Campus), a Trinidadian, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Statistics and Economics in the Faculty of Science and Technology
"This generous **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scotiabank Scholarship** will serve to further encourage me in pursuing academic excellence as I complete my degree. As I work towards my goal of becoming a financial analyst, this award continues to inspire me, and allows me to pursue my dreams. This continued scholarship has covered my tuition for my final year and will also go towards my personal maintenance costs like rent. Again, thank you for this scholarship which will help me to achieve my educational and career aspirations."



Laquanda Isaac (Five Islands Campus), an Antiguan, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Social Sciences in the School of Business and Management
"I am thankful that you have selected me as a recipient of the **UWI Toronto Benefit Awards Scholarship** and extended your kindness towards me. To God be the Glory! It has honestly lifted such a weight off my shoulders and will allow me to continue to focus on my studies. This scholarship is a great help to me as it has enabled me to clear my financial obligations at university and successfully complete my tenure at UWI Five Islands. I can't express how appreciative I am. Thank you once again for allowing me to continue to pursue my passion!"

Join us!

Join us in our mission to support the development of the next generation of successful leaders in the Caribbean region.

Your participation in this Benefit Awards event will ensure that our efforts and yours meet with continued success. You have a unique opportunity to encourage, facilitate and impact the lives of Caribbean students.

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