

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

**THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: THE GLOBALISATION AWARD**
Applications Guidelines

I. INTRODUCTION

In the current globalisation era, higher education is rapidly becoming a global phenomenon as universities strive to prepare their graduates to become global citizens and seek to attract international students to diversify their communities. Cognisant of this, the University of the West Indies is placing significant emphasis in its 2017-2022 Strategic Plan on improving its global presence of the University. An enhanced global presence will increase international recognition of The UWI, leading to increased opportunities for international collaboration in research, teaching, academic mobility schemes and other scholarly endeavours. International recognition also increases the UWI's competitiveness for winning externally funded grants, and increases the potential for attracting international students to The UWI.

The intent of the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in International Collaboration is to recognise and reward those UWI staff who actively engage in international collaboration to advance knowledge globally, address significant regional or international development challenges, or achieve capacity development of the collaborating partners or their stakeholders, and through this collaboration, to enhance international recognition of The UWI and its global presence.

One award per year, valuing US\$5,000.00 will be made to the Project. Cheque will be made payable to the Campus at which the lead staff member is based.

II. OVERVIEW

The Award Scheme will be called "***THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: THE GLOBALISATION AWARD***". The Award will form part of the existing Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence Scheme. The Award will be made to deepen the culture of international collaboration, thereby enhancing international recognition of The UWI and its global presence. The Award is intended to:

- a) Recognise individuals or groups of staff at UWI who participate in international collaboration in academic pursuits;
- b) Demonstrate that international collaboration can produce outputs of high quality that advance knowledge globally, address significant regional or international development challenges, or lead to capacity development in the collaborating partners or their stakeholders;
- c) Demonstrate that international collaboration can increase UWI's competitiveness in winning grants from international funding agencies;
- d) Demonstrate to all stakeholders the value of international collaboration as a means of enhancing international recognition of The UWI and its global presence.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Any group of staff members who have participated in international collaboration in academic pursuits within the past five years, including joint research projects, joint delivery of graduate programmes, academic mobility schemes or other academic pursuits, preferably supported by an international grant won competitively by the collaborating partners. The application must be submitted by the lead UWI staff member in the activity, but all UWI staff and all international collaborators must be identified in the submission, and must indicate their agreement for the submission to be made.

IV. INELIGIBILITY

This is not an individual award. This is a project award.

V. CRITERIA

1. **Collaboration:** The submission must demonstrate a substantive emphasis on international collaboration in the design and implementation of the project. The number as well as the global reputation of the international partners involved will be considered. The role of each partner in securing and executing the collaborative project should be stated. The submission should demonstrate, , how an international collaborative approach facilitated the attainment of the project's goals and objectives, and how the project enhanced international recognition of The UWI and its global presence.
2. **Excellence in project design and approach:** Did the conceptual framework, design, methodology and analyses demonstrate excellence in attaining the project's goals and objectives, and for maximising the value of the international collaboration?
3. **Innovation:** Was the project original and innovative? Did it take a novel approach to meeting the project's goals and objectives?
4. **Excellence in output:** Did the outputs of the project advance knowledge in the area addressed, or have significant development impact, or lead to significant capacity development of the collaborating partners or their stakeholders? What indicators were used to measure these outputs?
5. **Dissemination:** Were the outputs of the project adequately disseminated to the relevant audience(s)? Provide evidence.
6. **Additional international collaboration:** UWI staff involved in the project should identify and submit a list of any other international collaboration activities (Titles, collaborative/partners) in which they are involved.

VI. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

A. Application

1. The written application:
 - (i) Must be submitted through the Dean of the Faculty in which the Principal Investigator is based, or through the Campus Coordinator if the Principal Investigator is affiliated with a Centre institution. If the Principal Investigator is not a UWI staff member, the application must be submitted by the most senior UWI staff member involved in the project.

- (ii) Must include a letter (**ten pages maximum**) clearly describing how the project meets the criteria identified in Section V.
- (iii) Should consist of a copy of the application if the project was submitted to a funding agency for support; and a copy of the final project report, or most recent project report, to the funding agency if the proposal was funded and is now nearing completion or completed. If funded internationally a statement of support from donor/partner outlining international/global achievements of this project would be beneficial.

B. Repeat applications

- (i) Repeat applications are encouraged from individuals or teams whose initial application had been unsuccessful, even if the team has changed in membership composition.
- (ii) Repeat applications whose initial application was successful can be considered but only if five years have elapsed since receiving the earlier Award, and if the project differs from that for which the previous Award was made.

C. Initiation

Submit application to the Campus Registrar by the established deadline.

C. Prohibition

No award may be made without a favourable recommendation from the special University Selection Committee.

The Selection Process, the Announcement of the Award and the Presentation of the Award will be the same as for all awards in the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence Scheme.