

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

**THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
MULTI-CAMPUS RESEARCH COLLABORATION: THE ONE UWI AWARD**
Applications Guidelines

I. INTRODUCTION

The University of the West Indies (UWI) is one of only two regional universities in the world. Potential research advantages of The UWI as a regional university include the ability to pool the best human resources in a particular field from any Campus when assembling UWI research teams to advance knowledge or address regional challenges; and the ability, through its regional mandate, to address challenges in any country or group of countries that the University serves. These advantages will only be achieved if the potential for inter-Campus collaboration is realised through the actual implementation of inter-Campus collaborative research. This collaboration and integration is the philosophy behind the 'One-UWI Concept', which forms an important part of the University's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.

The intent of the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Multi-campus Research Collaboration is to recognise and reward those UWI researchers who participate in multi-campus research to implement high quality projects that make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge and/or address a significant regional development challenge, often with the support of research grants won competitively from international funding agencies.

One (1) 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 Principal Investigator is based.

II. OVERVIEW

The Award Scheme will be called "***THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MULTI-CAMPUS RESEARCH COLLABORATION: THE ONE UWI 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 inter-campus collaboration in research at The UWI, facilitating the perception and operation of the University as one regional integrated entity. The Award is intended to:

- a) Recognise groups of researchers who participate in inter-campus collaborative research;
- b) Demonstrate that inter-campus collaboration in research can produce outputs of high quality that advance knowledge globally or addresses significant regional development challenges;
- c) Demonstrate that inter-campus collaboration in research can increase UWI's competitiveness in winning research grants from international funding agencies;
- d) Demonstrate to all stakeholders the value of inter-campus collaboration in research as a means of enhancing the philosophy and culture of UWI as one regional integrated University.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Any multi-campus UWI research team which has conducted one or more significant research project(s) within the past five years, leading to high quality research outputs, preferably supported by an international

research grant won competitively by the team. The application must be submitted by the Principal Investigator, but all UWI staff involved in the project must be identified in the submission to demonstrate the multi-campus composition of the research team, and must indicate their agreement for the submission to be made. Research teams with non-UWI staff as members may apply.

IV. INELIGIBILITY

No individuals can apply for this Award.

V. CRITERIA

1. **Collaboration:** The submission must demonstrate a substantive emphasis on multi-campus collaboration in the design and implementation of the project. It should demonstrate, if possible, how an inter-campus collaboration approach facilitated the attainment of the project's goals and objectives.
2. **Excellence in project design and approach:** Was the conceptual framework, design, methodology and analyses the best possible for attaining the project's goals and objectives?
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 national or regional development impact? What indicators were used to measure the advance in knowledge or the development impact?
5. **Dissemination:** Were the outputs of the project properly disseminated to the relevant audience(s)?
6. **Additional multi-campus collaboration:** Members of the research team should identify and submit any other multi-campus activities 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 member of the team.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) Must include a letter (**five pages maximum**) clearly describing how the project meets the criteria identified in Section V.

B. Repeat applications

- (i) Repeat applications are encouraged from teams whose initial application had been unsuccessful, even if the team has changed somewhat 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 research project differs from that for which the previous Award was made.

C. Initiation

Submit written application to the Campus Registrar by the stipulated deadline.

D. 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.