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WIGUT (Jamaica) Scholarship & Bursary Fund

The West Indies Group of University Teachers (Jamaica) provides financial assistance to registered full-time undergraduate students of the Mona Campus and the Western Jamaica Campus through its Bursary Fund. This Fund was established in 1991 due mainly to the initiative of Mr Joseph Pereira, a former President of WIGUT (Jamaica). Contributions to the Fund come from members of the Union who make voluntary contributions from their salaries, along with an annual percentage of the dues collected. Currently, there are 37 contributors to the Fund.

WIGUT is the largest single donor of bursaries to the Mona Campus and yearly, it awards Special and General Bursaries. For the period 2014-2017, a total of \$5,870,000 was disbursed to cover the cost of the annual WIGUT Scholarship – the Joe Pereira Scholarship, along with regular and special bursaries. Regular bursaries are valued at \$40,000.00 per year and special bursaries at \$50,000.00 per year.

Special Bursaries are given in honour of the following persons, to students who are pursuing studies in the fields listed below:

Honouree's Name	Major
Leighton Henry	Mathematics
Syringa Marshall-Burnett	Nursing
George Beckford	Economics
Derek Gordon	Social Work
E.V. Ellington	Physiology
Carl Stone	Political Science
Samuel Bandara	Accounting
Samuel Bandara	Archaeology

The Scholarship and bursaries are administered by the Office of Student Financing, and are awarded based on academic performance (i.e., maintaining a GPA of 3.3), demonstration of financial need, leadership qualities and active involvement in co-curricular activities.



Students at the WIGUT booth during Office of Student Financing Day Expo, March 30, 2017.

Website link

Remember to visit the **new WIGUT (Jamaica) website** for current information - <http://wigut.uwimona.edu.jm/>

The funds awarded for the last three (3) academic years (2014/2015; 2015/2016; 2016/2017) total J\$5,870,000. The data is summarized in the Table below:-

Year	Award	Amount (J\$)	Total Awardees
2016-2017	Joe Pereira Scholarship	250,000	1
	Bursary	1,560,000	39
	Special Bursary	500,000	10
	Sub-total	2,060,000	49
2015/2016	Joe Pereira Scholarship	250,000	1
	Bursary	1,560,000	42
	Special Bursary	500,000	10
	Sub-total	2,060,000	52
2014/2015	Joe Pereira Scholarship	250,000	1
	Bursary	1,500,000	37
	Sub-total	1,750,000	38
Total		5,870,000	139

**WIGUT
(Jamaica)
Scholarship &
Bursary Fund
(cont'd)**

Bursary Testimonials

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to all the funders of the WIGUT bursary. Receiving this bursary has provided me with necessary funds to go towards the funding of my residence hall fee, as my parents were having difficulties in coming up with the required amount. It's by God's blessing that I received this bursary in the peak of the moment as I was called into the hall's office about payment of my fees about three days before I was awarded this bursary. I thank you all once more and I hope I will be blessed with the opportunity to impact a student's life as you have done to mine."

Thank you. **Veneica Burkett**
Faculty of Science & Technology (2016-2017 Bursary Recipient)

"I am really elated to know that WIGUT has selected me as a recipient. Since I am a final year student this bursary will assist me in completing my degree with first class honours."

Thank you WIGUT.

Best regards. **Johnique Reid**
Faculty of Social Sciences (2016-2017 Bursary Recipient)

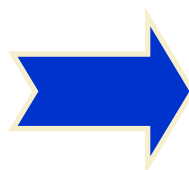
Joe Pereira Scholarship Recipient 2016-2017

**Joe Pereira
Scholarship
Recipient
2016-2017**



"My name is Meisha-Marie Webster and I am the 2016- 2017 recipient of the Joe Pereira Scholarship. I want to thank you for sponsoring this scholarship at University of the West Indies, Mona and express my sincere gratitude and appreciation. I am honoured to receive this scholarship and I am grateful for the opportunities that it will deliver. I knew on applying to be a student of The University of the West Indies that I would be getting a great and higher education. With the help of this scholarship, my chances of success have been increased tremendously, since the financial burden placed on my parents to grant me a higher education will be reduced. Thank you, again, for your investment in The University of the West Indies, Mona and future students like me."

Meisha-Marie Webster B.Sc. Banking & Finance (2018)



**Remember to contribute to WIGUT's
Scholarship & Bursary Fund!**

**Shaw Park
Beach Hotel
and Spa
Independence
Weekend
Special**

Shaw Park Beach Hotel and Spa Independence Weekend Special

20% discount to WIGUT (Jamaica) members on the following rates:

Superior Single US\$200.00

Superior Double US\$250.00

Rates are per room per night All-Inclusive

Children under 4 years sharing room with 2 adults - FREE

Children 4 – 12 years sharing room with 2 adults – US\$ 35.00 per child (max. 1 child)

US\$ 75.00 VALUE GIVEAWAY

COMPLIMENTARY “ INDEPENDENCE SIGHTSEEING PARTY FUN CRUISE”

⇒ **MINIMUM 2 NIGHT STAY ;**

⇒ **SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2017 TIME: 4.00PM – 6.00PM**

CONDITIONS APPLY

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact their reservations office at **(876) 974 -2552**.

**WIGUT
Members @
UWI
Reception**

WIGUT Representatives at Elsa Leo-Rhynie Reception



Ms Charmaine McKenzie, Ms Levene Griffiths & Professor Paul Brown

Professor The Hon. Elsa Leo-Rhynie, Professor Emerita of The University of the West Indies (UWI) was awarded the Chancellor's Medal by Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne at a ceremony at the UWI Regional Headquarters on Friday, June 23, 2017.

The Chancellor's Medal is a special award of distinction made by The UWI Chancellor to a person who "has made a signal, substantial and likely lasting contribution to the welfare and development of The UWI. "

Extract from Marketing, Recruitment & Communications Office, UWI.

**New WIGUT
Members**

Academic Year
2016/2017

WIGUT (Jamaica) would like to welcome the following new members:-

Miss Karen C. Levy (*Library*); Mr Ian Hayles (*Open Campus Country Sites*); Dr Roger Nesbeth (*Open Campus*); Miss Yvonne Hilary Walters (*Hugh Wynter Fertility Management Unit*)

The Academic PUBLICATIONS Series...

The WIGUT (Jamaica) Newsletter proudly presents its new **Academic PUBLICATIONS Series**. This is a **four-part Series** which will look at topics such as starting your publishing journey; how to identify the 'predator journals/publishers'; self-publishing; and how to make money from your publications.

Did YOU KNOW?



As of August 1, 2017, Academics are required to publish a minimum of two (2) publications per academic year.

Reference: The UWI Strategic Plan 2017-2022

**The
Academic
Publications
Series**

Starting Your Publishing Journey

Publishing an article in a scholarly journal can be a daunting venture for the new academic; it demands a lot of time and energy and is hard work. It is, however, a requirement in the academy to progress in your field as an academic or a researcher. Here are some pointers if you are just starting out on this journey.

⇒ **Carefully choose the journal to which you submit your article.** Look at impact, speed and reach. **Check:-**

- * the aims and scope to ensure that they match your research area;
- * the policy on submissions – review and response times;
- * who does this journal influence?

⇒ **Select a topic that will attract attention.**

- * Say something new – establish ground-breaking research;
- * Build on existing knowledge – don't just review and summarize past literature; rather, establish new questions and solutions to show that you have added/created new knowledge.

⇒ **Make it difficult for reviewers to say "NO"**

- * Give compelling arguments – it is easy for a reviewer to turn down a paper if the arguments presented are not balanced;
- * Avoid personal biases;
- * Follow all guidelines, including each journal's criteria for citation formatting, such as APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.;
- * Word limits – respect the length requirements;
- * Ensure your article is properly edited and free of errors – revise, revise and revise again before submitting!

References

- ◆ Directory of Open access Journals: <https://doaj.org/>
- ◆ Elsevier Publishing campus: https://www.publishingcampus.elsevier.com/pages/1/Home.html?PAGE_NR=1
- ◆ Journal Insights: <http://journalinsights.elsevier.com/journals/1072-7515/oapt>
- ◆ Submissions Guidelines: <https://www.inquiriesjournal.com/submissions>

Next in the Series - Part 2 - How to Identify Predatory Publishers...

Congratulations, Mr President, Congratulations !



The WIGUT (Jamaica) family extends heartiest congratulations to our President, **Dr Paul Brown**, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Basic Medical Sciences at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, on his elevation to the **Rank of Professor** effective May 31, 2017.

His areas of specialization include basic sciences and molecular microbiology. Professor Brown has carried out research in the areas of molecular diagnosis, epidemiology and the functional changes that accompany leptospirosis, an infectious bacterial disease occurring in rodents, dogs, and other mammals, which can be transmitted to humans. Major thrusts of his current research include the characterization of the endemic aetiological agents of leptospirosis and the role of climate change, and anti-microbial resistance and the potential to cause disease in hospital-acquired bacteria.

We also congratulate Professor Brown, on being elected as **Vice-Chair** for the inaugural **Council on Microbial Sciences** (COMS) of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM).