

# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES OPEN CAMPUS

## DFATD/SDEC-UWI Open Campus Scholarship Opportunity

The Government of Canada, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) and The University of the West Indies Open Campus (UWIOC) are offering full scholarships in the 2015/16 academic year under the Strengthening Distance Education in the Caribbean (SDEC) Project. The scholarships will allow qualifying individuals to pursue the online **Prior Learning and Development/Assessment Course: PLPD0100**. The scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition for the Course.

**Description:** The scholarships in Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) will be made available to candidates from the contributing countries of The UWI, i.e. Anguilla; Antigua & Barbuda; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Dominica; Grenada; Jamaica; Montserrat; St. Kitts & Nevis; St. Lucia; St. Vincent & The Grenadines; Trinidad & Tobago; Turks & Caicos.

**Criteria:** The scholarships are for persons who satisfy the University's minimum entrance requirements for matriculation, either at Normal or Lower Level or the Mature Clause, for admission to undergraduate degree programmes in one of the following areas:

- ▶ Accounting; Banking & Finance; Management Studies; Youth Development Work; or Early Childhood Development and Family Studies.

**Qualifications:** To qualify for the scholarship, PLA applicants are required to satisfy the relevant University minimum entrance requirements for matriculation and must:

- be over 21 years of age;
- have worked for 5+ years in one of the areas of discipline mentioned;
- have done extensive relevant reading, or taken training workshops/seminars, etc. in the area;
- have gained the relevant experiential learning at the required level; and
- be proficient in the English Language.

<b>COURSE: <i>Online Prior Learning and Portfolio Development/Assessment: PLPD0100</i></b>		
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE: <i>August, 2015</i></b>	<b>COURSE COMMENCES: <i>Academic Year 2015/2016</i></b>	
<b>DURATION OF COURSE: <i>12 weeks + portfolio completion time</i></b>	<b>MODE: <i>Online</i></b>	<b>LANGUAGE: <i>English</i></b>

**Course Information:** Individuals will be guided through the Prior Learning Course to identify their relevant experiential learning and assisted to build their PLA Learning Portfolio which will be assessed by UWI Faculty Assessors. **Credit awarded may be used towards an undergraduate degree.**

**Benefits:** The scholarship covers full tuition expenses and opens up an opportunity for applicants to continue to work and study towards reaching their educational goals. Applicants can complete their degree studies in a shorter time and build their self-awareness and self-confidence to venture into new areas of study, careers and professions.

**Application process:** Applicants must complete the application form available on The UWI Open Campus Website: <http://www.open.uwi.edu/pla> or **Email:** [pla@open.uwi.edu](mailto:pla@open.uwi.edu). Attention: PLA Programme Officer to request the Application Form.