

A Strategic Initiative on Enhancing Postgraduate Throughputs at The UWI St. Augustine Campus

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Abstract: *In the past five years, The University of the West Indies (UWI) has been sustaining a strong growth in postgraduate (PG) enrolments in taught and research programmes. However, the throughput rate of PG could not match with the increase in PG enrolment in both relative and absolute terms. The UWI's Strategic Plan 2012-2017 centres around six (6) integrated Perspectives. One of the three strategic goals under the Research and Innovation (R&I) perspective is to 'enhance graduate studies and increase postgraduate research output'. In such context, this paper reviews the key areas of priority for the Campus for the period 2014-2017, and informs the strategic initiative with a proposed Throughput Enhancement Project (TEP) at the UWI St Augustine Campus. It then presents the structure of TEP and a schedule of its implementation. For facilitating the TEP initiative, project leaders and process owners are identified, and resource requirements versus savings are explored. The paper concludes by discussing the evaluation of the TEP efficacy in relation to achieving the R&I strategic goals of The UWI.*

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