

**The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Police Research Group (UWISA-PRG)
Undergraduate and postgraduate student paper competition – “Enhancing the safety and
security of women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago.”**

In light the recent murders of Ashanti Riley and Andrea Bharath, as well as the abductions and murders of numerous other young women in Trinidad and Tobago, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Police Research Group (UWISA-PRG) announces its first annual student paper competition. This competition aims to generate possible solutions to safety and security concerns facing women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago by inviting ideas from student researchers. In sum, this student paper competition is dedicated to highlighting safety and security concerns facing women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago’s jurisdiction.

Articles from all backgrounds and disciplines are invited – the important thing is whether the ideas could be applied within, and help improve, safety and security for this vulnerable group of individuals (women and young girls). Providers of tertiary education in Trinidad and Tobago are encouraged to promote this student paper competition to their students across all disciplines and encourage them to submit their work to the competition.

To encourage a wide and flexible approach, submissions may, for example, come from individuals who are tertiary level students, but who are employed within the protective services in Trinidad and Tobago. Additionally, we encourage the submission of artwork and poems from students of the arts to be considered in according with the judging criteria.

A panel appointed by The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Police Research Group (UWISA-PRG) will judge the top three undergraduate and postgraduate entries at a national level in July 2021 as well as the best poem and artwork. Although not currently possible due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is anticipated that an awards ceremony invitation will be extended to winners in the future.

Do you have a good idea on how to improve the safety and security of women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago? Do you have students with innovative insights into managing the pervasive issue of abductions and heinous murders of women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago? Let us get your thoughts in this student paper competition that is aimed at finding possible solutions to this seemingly unending phenomenon.

Submission guidelines:

Individual submissions ONLY (No group submissions allowed)

Article word limit: 2,000-2,500 words (undergraduates) and 4,000-5,000 words (postgraduates).

Poem word limit: 500 words.

Artwork: No more than one page.

The word limit includes tables, figures and references.

The judging criteria is as follows:

1. Relevance. How relevant is the submission to the theme? (25 marks)
2. Potential Benefits. What potential benefits does the research offer to improving the safety and security of women and young girls in Trinidad and Tobago? (25 marks)
3. Feasibility. How feasible will the proposed solution be to realise potential benefits? (25 marks)
4. Articulation. How well has the participant articulated the research? (25 marks).

To encourage submissions in their widest remit, there is no prescribed submission format for articles, but all articles should be consistent in style (spelling, in-text citations and references). Submissions must include the name of the participant, student identification number, course of study, institutional affiliation, student university email address and research topic. Papers must be submitted in English and in MS Word format. Articles must be submitted electronically to Dr. Wendell C. Wallace (Wendell.Wallace@sta.uwi.edu) and copied to Dr. Malisa Neptune-Figaro (Malisa.Neptune-Figaro@sta.uwi.edu).

Participants are cordially invited to submit articles of unpublished, original work of a high quality from June 01, 2021, until 5pm, June 30, 2021. Winners will be notified by email and announced on the Department of Behavioural Sciences and the Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine websites in July, 2021. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation and category winners will receive additional cash prizes as outlined below. No feedback will be offered to participants, and the judges' joint decision will be final. Winners will be invited to join the judging panel for the subsequent year.

Prize structure

Undergraduate and postgraduate research articles:

1st place: \$1,000.

2nd place: \$700.

3rd place: \$500.

Poems:

1st place: \$500.

Artwork:

1st place: \$500.

N.B. This student paper competition is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students at tertiary institutions in Trinidad and Tobago **ONLY**.