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UWI St. Augustine – bpTT Petroleum Geoscience M.Phil/Ph.D. Postgraduate Scholarship 2026-2027

Section #1 – Overview & Award Details:

Particular	Details
Award Name	UWI St. Augustine – bpTT Petroleum Geoscience Graduate Scholarship 2026-2027
Eligible Applicants	Full-time (or becoming full-time) M.Phil. and Ph.D. research students, in the **M.Phil. or Ph.D. Geoscience or Petroleum Geoscience in the Faculty of Engineering** Applicants must be nationals of a CARICOM Country. Applicants who are nationals of Trinidad and Tobago will be given priority.
Number & Awards Value	**Two (2) Scholarships are available. Each valued at TT$150,000.00** **This award is tenable only at the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies**
Award covers	**Tuition fees, compulsory fees, examination fees, related educational costs, research, conferences, living expenses.**
Duration	One (1) year in the first instance. The award is renewable up to two (2) consecutive years (for a total of three (3) years duration) but it will be subject to satisfactory academic progress and annual review.
Area of Research	Applicant must be involved in research applicable to energy, including but not limited to: hydrocarbon resources and extraction procedures, data and machine learning as applied to the energy industry, and environmental sustainability practices. Applicants should demonstrate how their research is relevant to energy and where applicable, it's alignment with industry needs and or the local policy framework.
Selection Criteria	Selection is based on academic performance and financial need. Applicants must possess either a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours degree; or a Lower Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent) together with a Taught Master's or M.Phil. degree.
Location of Information	(i) The UWI Postgraduate Scholarship Website: https://sta.uwi.edu/research/postgraduate-scholarships-bursaries . (ii) The application form is located in the UWI Scholar Platform https://libraries.sta.uwi.edu/forms/view/40/1 and entitled: STA Postgraduate Scholarship / Bursary Application Form (iii) Research Proposal Format: https://sta.uwi.edu/resources/documents/postgrad/Research_Proposal_Format.docx (iv) Registration and Tuition fee information website: https://sta.uwi.edu/registration/

Section #1.1 – Who Can apply?

Applicant Category	Eligible to Apply?	Important Condition
New applicants who have applied for and commenced a **full-time M.Phil. or Ph.D.** in the 2026–2027 academic year	Yes	Must have submitted a degree application via the CRM Platform or have registered with effect from Sem 1 2026-2027.
New applicants who have applied and commenced a **part-time M.Phil. or Ph.D.** to commence in the 2026–2027 academic year	Yes	If awarded the Scholarship, the student will be required to change their registration status to full-time.
Current/continuing full-time M.Phil. or Ph.D. students	Yes	No additional registration condition.
Current/continuing part-time M.Phil. or Ph.D. students	Yes	If awarded the Scholarship, the student will be required to change their registration status to full-time.

Section #2 – Required Documentation for the Scholarship Application:

All applicants must submit the supporting documents set out below. All listed documents are critical to the assessment of the application and should be uploaded with the online scholarship application.

Document (Checklist) Required for Scholarship Application	NEW Research Students - Commenced research degree with effect from September 2026.	CURRENT / CONTINUING Research Students
1. Completion of the online Form in the UWI Scholar Platform:- Link: https://libraries.sta.uwi.edu/forms/view/40/1.	Required	Required
2. In the event you have not registered for Semester 1, 2026-2027, or not yet received an offer of admission, kindly upload the acknowledgement email confirming submission of your M.Phil./Ph.D. CRM degree application. Please note that failure to submit a degree application will result in your scholarship application not being considered.	Required	Not applicable (already registered)
3. Official Transcripts — required from graduates of foreign institutions (inclusive of the UWI Mona and Cave Hill Campuses).	Required	Required
4. Graduates of the UWI St. Augustine Campus are required to download their undergraduate and postgraduate transcripts from their student portal and upload each transcript separately to the UWI Scholar Platform.	Required	Required
5. Research Proposal - 5 pages in length, 1.5 line spacing; does not include title page and references; includes figures/ tables.	Required	Required

6. Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Required	Required
7. Graduate Scholarship Supervisor's Progress Report Form	Not applicable	Required
8. Supporting Letter, of approximately 1,000 words (or approximately three (3) pages at 1.5 line spacing), addressed to the Director, Graduate Studies and Research, which should address: • the applicant's financial need and suitability for the scholarship; • the applicant's initiative, discipline and potential to contribute to the energy sector with examples where appropriate; and • the applicant's interest in and commitment to Geoscience, including your engagement in the field through projects, professional membership or other relevant activities.	Required	Required
9. A letter of recommendation must accompany the application	Required	Required

Section #3 – Other Important Conditions:

Particular	Details:
Sponsor Conditions	<u>Applicants and scholarship holders should note the following conditions:</u> • Students may be required to engage with the sponsor, including participation in promotional activities or research collaboration • The donor has no obligation to provide internships or other employment to scholarship recipients • Holders of this scholarship should not hold a Research Assistant position or other scholarship or other employment within the University • Applicants must not be within the final year of their research programme • Applicants must comply with all applicable UWI and sponsor requirements associated with the scholarship
Sponsor Compliance and Anti-Corruption Requirements	<u>As part of the sponsor's compliance and anti-corruption requirements:</u> • Applicants must disclose whether they are a **Government Official** or whether any member of their **immediate family is a Government Official**. Such disclosure will not automatically disqualify an applicant from consideration. • Applicants and scholarship holders must comply with all applicable laws and requirement relating to **anti-corruption, bribery, money laundering, terrorism, sanctions and trade controls** , as applicable to the scholarship. • Applicants and scholarship holders must not offer, provide or authorise any **payment, gift or other benefit** to a Government Official or any other person in connection with the scholarship where doing so would breach applicable laws. • Applicants must not engage in transactions with **restricted persons, organisations or jurisdictions** where doing so would violate applicable sanctions or trade-control laws.
Full-time employment:	Where an applicant is in full-time employment at the time of application and is subsequently awarded the Scholarship, the award may be deferred for one (1)

	semester to allow time to obtain an Official No-Pay Leave letter from the employer. Funding will not be disbursed until evidence of approved leave is provided.
Employer commitment:	Where applicable, it is the responsibility of the awardee to obtain the required No-Pay Leave from their employer and submit to the SGS&R.
Qualifying students:	A candidate accepted as a Qualifying M.Phil. or Qualifying Ph.D. student is not eligible for the Scholarship.
Pass degree:	A candidate only with an Undergraduate "Pass" degree is not eligible for the award.

Section #3.1 – Important Information Regarding Scholarship Awards and Tuition Fees:

Particular	Conditions
Submission of a Scholarship application does not guarantee an award.	Applicants whose Scholarship applications are still under consideration should register and pay tuition fees in the normal manner to avoid late-registration fees.
No reimbursement:	If a Scholarship is not awarded, tuition fees already paid by the student will not be reimbursed.

Kindly note the following:

- Please ensure that you receive an acknowledgment email after submitting your online scholarship application, as this is evidence of the application's submission.
- All the requested documents in Section 2 should be uploaded into the platform. Any missing documents will disqualify your scholarship application.
- Documents should not be hand-delivered or posted/mailed.
- For queries, please email: STA-Pgfunding@sta.uwi.edu .

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IS OCTOBER 30, 2026.