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Cabinet Secretary
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Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme 2024/2025

Reference is made to Cabinet Decision No 26/20 which approval was granted for the *full funding* of 150 Public Sector Workers to pursue Graduate level studies at approved institutions at a cost of \$1 billion over a period of 5 years commencing August 2021, under the **Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme**.

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned Scholarship tenable in the **September 2024/25** academic year. The following guidelines should be followed:

1. The desired thematic areas supported under the Marcus Garvey Scholarship 2024/2025:
 - a) *IT/ICT/Cyber Security/Data Analytics*
 - b) *Climate Change (Environmental Management/Disaster Risk Management)*
 - c) *Education (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)*
 - d) *Engineering/Built Environment*
 - e) *Law, Public Policy & Administration*
 - f) *National Security*
 - g) *Public Health*
 - h) *Post Graduate studies in Economics/Fiscal Policy*
 - i) *Post Graduate studies in Public Financial Management*
 - j) *Post Graduate studies in Legal Drafting*
2. The Scholarship is open to Public Sector Workers who:
 - a) *Have been accepted to pursue **local or overseas, full-time/part-time accredited programmes** (Postgraduate/Masters/PhD) at a tertiary Institution listed among the approved Institutions for the Scholarship Programme. Pursuit of studies at a level already attained will not be supported;*
 - b) *Have a **minimum of Second Class Honours or equivalent**, or Transcript with **GPA of at least 2.5** (where the acceptance letter is unavailable);*
 - c) *Are not recipients of other scholarships/financial assistance/grant processed through the Government of Jamaica/Ministry of Finance and the Public Service at the time of application;*
 - d) *Are 45 years old or younger at the time of submission;*
 - e) *Have at least two (2) years of continuous service in the public sector;*
 - f) *Qualify for and can ordinarily access Study Leave from their Employer.*
3. Applicants **should**:
 - a) *Visit the Website www.marcusgarveyscholarship.gov.jm to create a profile. Applicants will be required to provide the Reference Particulars at the time of registration (Name, Email Information) further to which they are encouraged to advise their Referees to complete the recommendation via the link provided to them.*

- b) *Prepare to complete three (3) essays reflecting a Personal Statement, Study Plan and Implementation Plan (not less than 300 words)*
4. The following supporting documents **must** be submitted via the scholarship website www.marcusgarveyscholarship.gov.jm
- a) ***Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN)***
 - b) ***Copy of Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Transcript certified by the Employee HR/JP/Notary Public***
 - c) ***Applicant's Job Letter (salary particulars not required) addressed to:***
*The Technical Secretariat
Ministry of Finance and the Public Service
30 National Heroes Circle
Kingston 4*
 - d) ***Official Acceptance Letter.*** *A provisional/conditional acceptance letter may be submitted; however, a copy of full acceptance is required before the Scholarship award is conferred.*
 - e) ***Copy of Degree or Transcript where the acceptance letter is unavailable (minimum 2.5 GPA)***
5. ***The Application period opened on Monday, December 18, 2023 and will close on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 11:59 pm.***
6. **Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

Kindly refer to the accompanying advertisement for additional information.

The Marcus Garvey Scholarship Technical Secretariat within the MOFPS may be contacted at (876)932-5010 / 5024 / 5015 / 5009 OR via email at mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm for further information.



Darlene Morrison, CD
Financial Secretary



Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

2024 MARCUS GARVEY PUBLIC SECTOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for the 2024 Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship to undertake Graduate Studies in approved Local and International Universities. Studies must be carried out on a full-time basis, and can be onsite, online or a combination of both, with effect from the academic year 2024/25.

THEMATIC AREAS / PRIORITY DISCIPLINES

- IT/ICT/Cyber Security/Data Analytics
- Climate Change (Environmental Management/Disaster Risk Management)
- Education (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)
- Engineering/Built Environment
- Law, Public Policy & Administration
- National Security
- Public Health
- Post Graduate Studies in Economics / Fiscal Policy
- Post Graduate Studies in Public Financial Management
- Post Graduate Studies in Legal Drafting

ELIGIBILITY

- Jamaican citizens permanently residing in Jamaica for at least three (3) years prior to application.
- Age 45 or younger at the time of submission.
- Applicants must apply to participating Universities to pursue their studies.
- Applicants must have already applied to a participating University with the eligibility to graduate in two (2) years from the date of the scholarship, or be accepted into a university to complete the degree in two (2) years.
- Have obtained a university degree on submission of their scholarship application (for graduate scholarships)
- Must be permanently employed to the GOJ and must ordinarily qualify for Study Leave.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Certified copies of transcripts of grades for all academic degrees completed
- Three (3) recommendation letters (Character, Employer, Academic)
- Certified Birth Certificate / Bio-data Page of Passport
- Medical Certificate
- Curriculum Vitae

BENEFITS

The Marcus Garvey Scholarship will cover 100% of tuition cost for programmes which must fall within the stipulated thematic areas at participating universities. The benefits vary and may include:

- Tuition and mandatory fees
- Miscellaneous and Book allowance
- Medical Insurance (where Applicable)
- Round Trip ticket (Economy Class) at the beginning and end of studies (where applicable)

OBLIGATION

Successful candidates will be required to enter into a Bond Agreement with the GOJ prior to the uptake of the Scholarship Award, giving an undertaking to work in the Public Sector for a specified period of time upon completion of studies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will only be accepted via the Scholarships Website below
www.marcusgarveyscholarship.gov.jm

Queries may be directed to the Technical Secretariat as outlined below:

The Technical Secretariat
Ministry of Finance and the Public Service
30 National Heroes Circle
Kingston 4
(Telephone 932-5009 / 5015)
Email: mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm

APPLICATION PERIOD:

December 18, 2023 - February 23, 2024

WE THANK ALL APPLICANTS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN THE SCHOLARSHIP; HOWEVER, CONTACT WILL ONLY BE MADE WITH SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES.