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Circular No. 22

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**Cabinet Secretary  
Permanent Secretaries  
Heads of Departments  
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**Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme 2025/2026**

Reference is made to Cabinet Decision No 26/20 in 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 aforementioned Scholarship tenable for the September 2025/2026 academic year. The following guidelines should be followed:

1. The desired thematic areas supported under the Marcus Garvey Scholarship 2025/2026:
  - 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 for PhD or 3.0 for Masters** level programmes;
  - 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 application;
  - 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 Ministry's website [www.mof.gov.jm](http://www.mof.gov.jm) to create a profile and submit their application.
  - 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 Ministry's website [www.mof.gov.jm](http://www.mof.gov.jm)
- a. **Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN)**
  - b. **Copy of the Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate (where applicable) certified by the Employee's 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. **Certified Copy of Degree or Transcript (minimum 2.5 GPA for PhD, 3.0 for Masters)**
5. The Application period opens **Monday, December 16, 2024 and closes Friday, February 21, 2025 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)932-5015 / 5022, or via email at [mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm](mailto:mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm) for further information.



**Darlene Morrison, CD**  
**Financial Secretary**



## Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

# 2025 MARCUS GARVEY PUBLIC SECTOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for the **2025 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 **2025/26**.

### 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 years or younger at the time of application.
- 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).
- Have at least two (2) years of continuous service 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 & 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 Ministry's Website below [www.mof.gov.jm](http://www.mof.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 932-5015 / 5022)  
Email: [mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm](mailto:mgscholarship@mof.gov.jm)

### APPLICATION PERIOD:

**December 16, 2024 – February 21, 2025**

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