

# NEW IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21! AUIS GRANT FOR CARIBBEAN STUDENT APPLICANTS @ BARBADOS

The **Regional Partnership Grant (RCPG) Program**<sup>1</sup> is implemented for the first time during the 2020-21 academic year by American University of Integrative Sciences (AUIS) and is available to all new applicants for this period. It was created to increase the representation of regional physicians at the global level and is offered to all eligible students. The grants support tuition assistance for citizens and sons/daughters of citizens of the listed CARICOM nations, raised in the region. The primary objective of the grant is to provide educational opportunities for students of the region who wish to pursue postsecondary and medical education in the US.

## **Current Program offerings at AUIS:**

MD 4-Year Doctor of Medicine

Basic Sciences (Year 1-2) in Barbados is followed by USMLE Step 1 review during FCM and the Advanced Clinical Medicine programs in the US. Clinical Sciences (Year 3-4) is 80 weeks of clinical clerkship training at various US and Canadian clinical facilities.

• 5-Year Direct Entry Doctor of Medicine

Meritorious and advanced high school graduates may utilize this accelerated pathway to a MD degree by completing all prerequisite coursework within the pre-medical sciences section of the BMSc program.

• BMSc 3-Year Bachelor of Medical Sciences

The advanced 3-Year degree program provides focused training in pre-medical and basic medical sciences with an opportunity for extensive clinical experiences for students.

#### The Award:

Tuition and fees will continue to be billed in USD values, and shall be payable in the local currency of Barbados Dollars (BDS), in accordance with the schools published schedules. The final bill will then be adjusted so as to reflect the benefit of the then current exchange rate.

Example: The realized Tuition reduction (calculated at the current exchange of 1USD=2BDS as of July 2020 exchange rate) results in a fifty percent (50%) discount.

This adjusted rate is applicable to each semester of educational instruction delivered on campus located on the island of Barbados, including repeated courses. The grant will not be applicable for any personal, travel or living expenses or clinical training within the United States.

# **Eligible AUIS Programs:**

All programs offered at the AUIS campus on Barbados will be eligible for the grant:

- 1. Bachelors in Medical Sciences (BMSc): Full program
- 2. Years 1 and 2 of the MD program (Basic Sciences)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regional CARICOM Partnership Grant (RCPG) Program



# **Applicant Eligibility:**

A. The applicant must be a current legal resident of the following countries in the Caribbean:

Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Aruba; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Bermuda; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Martinique; Montserrat; St. Maarten; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad & Tobago; Turks & Caicos Islands; US Virgin Islands.

- B. The applicant must be continuously enrolled (not less than two semesters or three trimesters in each successive academic year) full-time at the BMSc or MD program.
- C. The applicant must meet one of the following sets of academic criteria:
  - 1. Passes in at least five (5) subjects at CSEC (CXC) General Proficiency or GCE O'level /BGCSE or approved equivalents with Grades I, II or III
  - 2. A high school (Grade 12 matriculation) diploma with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 including Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology and English.
- D. The number of prior full-time semesters or trimesters that a student has attended at University will not be a factor in determining a recipient's initial eligibility if he/she is otherwise eligible.

## **Application Process:**

- Applicants must have submitted an application for the program in question.
- Applicants may apply for the grant by filling out the 'Scholarship and Grant' application form in the Student Acceptance Package.
- A copy of the current passport or National ID must be provided to the Campus Registrar.

### **Student Liability Disclaimer:**

The grant and any associated discounts realized shall be forfeited and fully recoverable by the school at the invoiced full USD values if the student voluntarily withdraws from the program or transfers to another institution or prior the completion of any semester.

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