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More than 1,900 applications received for new public health scholarship programme

- *Awardees to be notified between August 19 and 23*

KINGSTON, Jamaica. Friday, August 2, 2024: The Ministry of Health & Wellness has received some 1,926 applications for the recently announced Dr. Barrington Wint Memorial Scholarship Programme.

The scholarship programme, which makes available \$500 million each year for the next five years, opened for applications on Monday, July 8 (2024), providing a new opportunity for individuals to have their public health studies financed by the Government of Jamaica.

The introduction of the scholarship was announced by the Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, MP, during his Sectoral presentation in Parliament in May.

The scholarship – named in honour of Dr. Barrington Wint, a former chief medical officer – is open to Jamaicans pursuing studies in, among other areas, Medical Technology, Human Resources for Health, Epidemiology, Health Records Management, Hospital/Health Care Management, Information Systems for Health, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Health Economics, as well as Nursing and Medicine.

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Applications for the scholarship – which makes available up to \$1 million per recipient for up to five years – closed for the initial offering on Wednesday, July 31 (2024).

“We are encouraged by the interest shown and how it will bolster human resources in public health,” said Minister Tufton.

Submissions are now being reviewed for duplications and completeness and will thereafter be presented to the Scholarship Awards Committee, whose members will meet during the week of August 12-16 for another round of reviews and to make their selections.

Successful applicants, who will be bonded to work in the public health system for a period, will be advised during the week of August 19-23 (2024). An official Awards ceremony will be held on August 30.

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