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ACTT Grants UTT Continuing Institutional Accreditation for Seven Years

In a display of continued institutional excellence, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) has been awarded Continuing Institutional Accreditation for seven years by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT).

The reaccreditation period which runs from December 17, 2025 to December 16, 2032 is a reflection of the level of dedicated work done by staff during eighteen months of rigorous self-assessment, followed by visits by the accreditation team to each UTT campus to conduct interviews related to University operations.

Professor Rean Maharaj, Acting President, UTT commended each member of staff, faculty, the students, alumni and industry stakeholders who contributed to this achievement, adding that it "affirms the quality of our institution, our academic and administrative systems, and our commitment to accountability and continuous improvement."

This is the second time in UTT's twenty-two-year history that it has been granted accreditation for the maximum period, which further demonstrates how the University fulfils its responsibility to the national community by achieving and maintaining high standards of quality and effectiveness.

The awarding of accreditation also positively impacts UTT's global standing, and lends credibility to its academic programmes, which works to the benefits of our students. As the national University, quality must be reflected not only in the programmes delivered, but also in the standard of graduates we developed, as they are our number one priority.

While seeking accreditation is voluntary, UTT has established a governance structure to ensure and facilitate independent review in attempt to meet international academic standards. The University is proud to strengthen its foundations, building greater institutional stability and positioning itself for sustainable growth and increased national impact.

Congratulations, once again, to The University of Trinidad and Tobago on being awarded Continuing Institutional Accreditation for seven years. Let us all use this achievement as an opportunity to celebrate UTT's academic standing, organisational development and overall excellence in tertiary education.


The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) Tamana Campus

UTT Announces 2026 Honorary Degree Recipients

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) will confer honorary degrees upon four distinguished nationals at the first session of its 2026 Presentation of Graduates Ceremony, to be held on November 17, 2026 at the Lord Kitchener Auditorium, National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA), Port-of-Spain.

The 2026 honorary degree recipients, who are being recognised for their outstanding contributions to the development of Trinidad and Tobago:

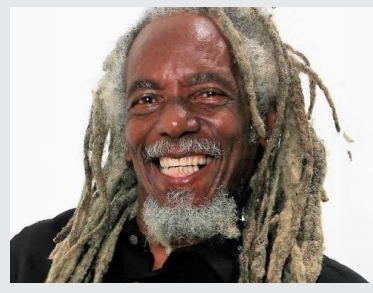
- **Mr. Willie Chen** – in recognition of his contribution to the artistic and cultural landscape, will be posthumously awarded an *Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts*



- **Mr. Neval Chatelal** – in recognition of his contribution to music, culture and the performing arts, will be awarded an *Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts*



- **Mr. Anthony Emrold Phillip (Brother Valentino)** – in recognition of his contribution to music, culture and the performing arts, will be awarded an *Honorary Doctorate of Letters*



- **Pundit Bhadase S. Maraj** – in recognition of his contribution to cultural and spiritual development, will be awarded an *Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters*



The University is honoured to recognise these distinguished individuals, whose achievements reflect a sustained commitment to excellence, service and nation-building. Through their contributions to their respective fields and to the wider society, they have enriched Trinidad and Tobago's cultural and social landscape and continue to serve as sources of inspiration.

Her Excellency Christine Carla Kangaloo, O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Chancellor of The University of Trinidad and Tobago, will preside over this year's session for higher degrees and honorary doctorates.

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5, 7, 12, 14, 19 October Online	**Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making**
6, 7, 8 October in person UTT Point Lisas Campus	**Centrifugal and Reciprocating Compressors**
6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 October Online	**Designing Winning Content for Digital Platforms**
7, 14, 21, 28 October 4, 11, 18, 25 November in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**Trinidad And Tobago Intellectual Thought in the Nineteenth Century**
12, 14, 19,21, 26 October Online	**Mastering Cost Benefit Analysis**
13, 14 October in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**Maintenance and Troubleshooting of MV and LV Switchgear**
13, 14,15 October Online	**Time Management and Productivity Enhancement**
20, 21, 22 October in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**Risk Based Process Safety Management**
20, 21, 22 October in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**Programmable Logic Control - Level 1**
20, 21, 22 October in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**Programmable Logic Control - Level 1**
26, 28, Nov 2, 4, 11 October Online	**Writing Effective Reports**
26, 28, Nov 2, 4, 11 October Online	**Principles of Public Procurement**
27, 28 October in person UTT Chaguanas Campus	**First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**
27, 28, 29 October Online	**Cybersecurity Fundamentals**

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UTT Pays Tribute to Calypso Icon The Mighty Sparrow

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) joins the national, regional and international community in mourning the passing of Slinger Francisco, O.R.T.T., internationally celebrated as The Mighty Sparrow who died on September 27, 2026, at the age of 91.

Widely regarded as one of calypso's most influential and accomplished artistes, The Mighty Sparrow devoted more than seven decades to an artform through which he entertained, educated and challenged generations of audiences. His extraordinary body of work helped shape the musical and cultural identity of Trinidad and Tobago and contributed significantly to the international recognition of calypso.

Born in Grenada and raised in Trinidad from early childhood, he began singing at a young age and eventually earned the sobriquet "Little Sparrow" because of his energetic stage performances. As his career developed, Sparrow's distinctive voice, commanding stage presence, sharp social commentary and characteristic wit made him one of the Caribbean's most recognisable cultural figures.

His music provided an enduring commentary on Caribbean life, addressing subjects ranging from society, culture and education to politics, relationships and international affairs. Even as his reputation grew internationally, his work remained firmly rooted in the experiences, humour, complexities and aspirations of Caribbean people.

The University of Trinidad and Tobago has itself contributed to the scholarly examination and preservation of Sparrow's legacy. In 2014, UTT hosted *The Anthropology of Sparrow: An Anthology of the Works of Slinger Francisco (1956-1962)*, which examined his work during a pivotal period in Trinidad and Tobago's history and explored its contribution to the development of an emerging national identity.

Professor Selwyn R. Cudjoe, O.R.T.T., Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Governors of UTT, reflected on Sparrow's place in this great African musical tradition that enslaved Africans brought to the West Indies in the 17th century. In other words, Sparrow's career can be seen as a continuation of the works of one of our earliest calypsoes, "Ja Ja Romey Eh/ Ja Ja Romey Shango" that was sung at the calinda or stick fights, an African martial art form, and other religious festivities.

"Through his music, he chronicled the evolving social, political and cultural life of Trinidad, Tobago, and the wider Caribbean. His wit, intellect and artistry allowed generations to see themselves, their struggles and their aspirations in his work. His prolific repertoire of musical compositions ushered in another phase of our social and cultural life. And for that we are very grateful."

Sparrow's achievements included eight Calypso Monarch titles and eight Road March titles, while his exceptional artistry and influence earned him recognition throughout the Caribbean and internationally and cemented his place as the "Calypso King of the World." His remarkable catalogue traversed themes of national pride and unity, education, international relations and social and political commentary. Through humour, satire, melody and an unmistakable performance style, Sparrow reached audiences across generations and socio-economic backgrounds while helping to elevate calypso as a powerful vehicle for Caribbean storytelling and social commentary.

The University of Trinidad and Tobago extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends, colleagues and countless admirers of The Mighty Sparrow throughout Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean and the wider world.

As the national university committed to scholarship, culture and the preservation of Trinidad and Tobago's heritage, UTT joins the nation in celebrating the life and extraordinary contribution of Slinger Francisco, The Mighty Sparrow, whose voice, music and legacy will remain an enduring part of the Caribbean story.



Slinger Francisco, the Mighty Sparrow, 1935 - 2026

New Professional Development Course on Intellectualism to be Offered

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) will offer a new professional development course that delves into the intellectual, political and social forces that helped shaped Trinidad and Tobago during the nineteenth century. It also examines how that history continues to influence the society we know today.

The course, "Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Thought in the Nineteenth Century" will be offered on select dates from September to November 2026, and will be facilitated by Professor Selwyn R. Cudjoe, O.R.T.T., Executive Chairman and Chairman of UTT, together with Dr Solange Kelly, Associate Professor and Assistant Vice President, Undergraduate Studies at UTT.

The course examines the ideas, personalities, institutions and historical developments that contributed to the evolution of Trinidad and Tobago during the post-emancipation and colonial periods. Issues related to identity formation, colonial governance, education, race relations, nationalism, labour, literature and the emergence of Trinbagonian intellectual thought will be explored.

Professor Cudjoe said the course provides an opportunity for participants to look beyond historical events themselves and consider the ideas that helped to shape the country's development.

"To understand Trinidad and Tobago as it exists today, we must understand the ideas, struggles and intellectual traditions from which our society emerged. The nineteenth century was a critical period in that development and this course invites participants to examine that history and consider how it continues to influence our daily lives."

Through readings, discussion and historical analysis, participants will explore the impact of emancipation and colonialism on Caribbean society, the influence of race, class, religion and labour on national consciousness and the contributions of local scholars. The course also connects Trinidad and Tobago's intellectual history with wider Caribbean development and the historical origins of contemporary social and political issues.

This course is designed for historians and educators, public-sector professionals, policy analysts and cultural practitioners, researchers and writers, UTT Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy students, as well as members of the public interested in Trinidad and Tobago's history, and Caribbean thought.

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UTT's Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Candidate Gains International Perspectives in *Law, Security and Cybersecurity*



Denzil Rajack-Prayag as part of the international contingent at the Fundamentals of International Law and Security Programme.

Denzil Rajack-Prayag, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) candidate in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) at The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), represented Trinidad and Tobago at the Fundamentals of International Law and Security Programme at Rashtriya Raksha University in India.

The two-week programme provided a valuable opportunity for Rajack-Prayag to engage with professionals, diplomats, academics, military officers and security practitioners from eighteen countries, united by a shared commitment to strengthening international law, global security and international cooperation, in an increasingly complex world.

Through the programme, he gained insights into key areas including international law, maritime and ocean governance, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, national security, diplomacy and human security, while exploring the evolving challenges facing the international community.

The experience also extended beyond the classroom, providing opportunities for meaningful dialogue, cultural exchange and the development of professional relationships with participants from diverse backgrounds.

Rajack-Prayag expressed his appreciation to the Government of India, India's Ministry of External Affairs, Rashtriya Raksha University, the School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies (SICMSS), the International Centre for Regulatory and Border Studies (ICRB), as well as the faculty members, coordinators and support staff who contributed to the success of the programme.

As an attorney-at-law and Ph.D. researcher in cybersecurity, Rajack-Prayag noted that the experience reinforced his belief in the importance of collaborative, rules-based and internationally coordinated approaches to addressing complex global challenges.

He returned to Trinidad and Tobago with new knowledge, international perspectives and professional connections, together with a renewed commitment to applying these insights in support of national development, the Caribbean region and the wider international community.

The University commends Rajack-Prayag on his recent achievements and looks forward to his continued contribution to the fields of cybersecurity, international security and emerging technologies.

Sport and Recreation Unit Staff Member Elected President of National Fencing and Para-Fencing Association

Micky Ruben, Massage Therapist, Sport and Recreation Unit, continues to make his mark on the national sporting landscape, after being elected as President of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Fencing and Para-Fencing (TTAFPF).

Mr Ruben's election to the presidency in August 2026, represents another significant achievement for a member of UTT community and further demonstrates the impact of the University's professionals in leadership, sport development and national service. Already serving as President of the Trinidad and Tobago Paralympic Committee (TTPC), Mr Ruben now assumes responsibility for leading the national development of both Olympic fencing and para-fencing. His appointment places particular emphasis on building sustainable structures for sport, strengthening governance, expanding opportunities for participation, and developing pathways for athletes, coaches and technical officials.



UTT's Micky Ruben, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Fencing and Para-Fencing (TTAFPF)

The inclusion of para-fencing within the Association's mandate also aligns closely with UTT's commitment to diversity, accessibility and inclusive development. Through the integration of Olympic and para sport within a unified national structure, the Association aims to create opportunities for persons with and without disabilities to participate, develop and represent Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr Ruben's growing involvement in national sport leadership also reflects the value of the knowledge, experience and professional development fostered within the University. His election demonstrates how members of staff continue to extend their influence beyond the classroom and workplace, contributing their expertise to institutions that serve Trinidad and Tobago.

Under his leadership, the Association will seek to strengthen the national fencing framework, expand participation across communities, support the development of clubs and athletes, and deepen Trinidad and Tobago's engagement with regional and international fencing.

This latest appointment builds upon UTT's already notable representation within the national paralympic movement and reinforces the University's contribution to the development of sport administrators and leaders capable of serving at the highest levels of national and international sport.

UTT congratulates Mr Ruben on his election and wishes him success as he undertakes this new responsibility, continuing to embody the University's values of leadership, excellence, inclusion and service to Trinidad and Tobago.

From UTT's Process Engineering to International Project Leadership



Devika Rooplal - Graduate of UTT's Master of Engineering in Process Engineering

Devika Rooplal continues to prove a degree from UTT in Process Engineering can provide work opportunities outside of the typical industry or career path. Her professional journey has taken her from process engineering and environmental laboratory management to Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), construction, commissioning and project management, with experience gained in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Guatemala and the British Virgin Islands.

Today, Devika is a Project Manager with Toshiba Water Solutions America Inc., having progressed within the organisation from Project/Process Engineer to Senior Project Engineer, Deputy Project Manager and eventually Project Manager.

Her journey began at UTT where she completed both the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc) and Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) in Process Engineering. Devika was wholly intrigued with the programme because it combined topics she enjoyed with an opportunity to solve practical issues. UTT's practical approach was another important factor. Rather than learning engineering concepts only in isolation, she gained an understanding of how they work together within real industrial systems. That foundation would later prove valuable as her career moved into increasingly diverse sectors.

During the early stages of her professional development, Devika gained experience through an internship with bp Trinidad and Tobago and ArcelorMittal. She subsequently joined Kaizen Environmental Services (Trinidad) Limited, progressing from Laboratory Supervisor to Laboratory Manager and eventually Analytical Services Division Manager.

Her career later transitioned into water and wastewater infrastructure, where she steadily advanced into senior engineering and project leadership roles.

From engineering calculations to leading projects, Devika also manages multidisciplinary water and wastewater projects from planning and engineering through procurement, construction, commissioning and operational handover. Her responsibilities extend well beyond technical calculations and include scheduling, budgeting, contract administration, procurement and logistics, stakeholder management, subcontractor coordination, quality, HSE and ensuring that facilities perform as intended.

Her development reflects her belief that prospective students should understand that being qualified in the field of process engineering, does not restrict graduates to one career or one industry.

One of the experiences at UTT that helped prepare Devika for her career was her final-year industry-based design project, "Optimisation of the Unilever Caribbean Wastewater Treatment Plant." The project required her team to apply the knowledge they had developed to a real industrial wastewater-treatment challenge. The experience also introduced her to systems thinking and problem solving that remain central to her profession. The project was supervised by Dr Ejae John, Associate Professor, Process Engineering, whom Devika credits as a mentor in both her academic and professional development.

Devika also developed technical skills in process analysis, equipment and process design, data analysis and troubleshooting, all of which have become equally important throughout her career.

Among her professional milestones was successfully helping to lead the transition from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 within laboratory operations. In 2017, she was also selected to participate in the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme in India, where she completed specialised training in sewage-treatment processes at Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited.

For students considering UTT's Process Engineering programme, Devika believes it is important to look beyond the traditional perception of process engineering as a pathway primarily into oil, gas and petrochemicals.

Process engineers can contribute to water and wastewater treatment, renewable and sustainable energy, food and beverage production, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, utilities, waste management, environmental services, quality management, process optimisation, project management and sustainable infrastructure, among other areas.



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Marine Sciences Graduate Co-Authors New Study on Lane Snapper



Graduate of UTT's Master of Philosophy in Marine Sciences in Coastal and Ocean Studies Gianluc Robinson - Researching the Life of Lane Snapper

The Centre for Maritime and Ocean Studies (CMOS) proudly congratulates Gianluc Robinson, a maritime studies graduate of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Coastal and Ocean Studies, on the publication of his co-authored research paper in the journal Fisheries Research.

Co-authored with Mark H. Tupper, the study examines changes in the size and sexual maturity of lane snapper (Lutjanus synagris) in Trinidad over a thirty-four-year period.

Based on 500 fish sampled between 2017 and 2020, the researchers identified a decline of approximately 16% in the species' average size at sexual maturity, compared with historical data. The findings raise important concerns about fishing pressure, stock productivity and the adequacy of the current legal minimum catch size.

The authors recommend increasing the minimum catch size to approximately 25–26 cm, strengthening enforcement and introducing measures to protect spawning fish. They also emphasise the importance of implementing these measures gradually and in a socially responsible manner to reduce the potential impact on fishers.

This study is Gianluc's second round of research on the aquatic species which is native to the Caribbean. In 2022, he conducted Master of .Philosophy (M. Phil) research which also focused on the maturity of the Lane Snapper on the north coast of Trinidad.

CMOS congratulates Gianluc on this significant research milestone! Marine Sciences celebrates this accomplishment and wishes him continued success throughout his research journey.

How UTT's Diploma in Forestry Secured My Professional Growth

Jason Baker, a recipient of a scholarship through the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, pursued the Diploma in Forestry at UTT ECIAF Campus. Jason selected this programme to develop his knowledge and gain practical skills that would help him better understand and manage forest resources, improve his qualifications, and position himself for career advancement.

His most memorable experience was graduating and successfully completing the programme after the hard work and dedication he invested during his time as a student. He also credits the programme's lecturers and courses for having a significant impact on his development.



Scholarship Recipient Jason Baker

Currently, Jason is working as a Forestry Officer I, within the Law Compliance Unit of The Forestry Department in St Vincent and the Grenadines. He believes his studies at UTT allowed him to grow professionally while working towards further career advancement within the forestry department. He recognised the true value of his UTT education when he began applying the knowledge and the training he gained to real-world forestry initiatives and community education efforts.

Beyond his professional responsibilities, Jason contributes to his community by educating the public about the vital role forests play in everyday life and the importance of protecting and conserving these valuable natural resources.

Sharing his experience, Jason's advice to students is to stay focused on their goals despite the challenges and obstacles that they may encounter on their journey to success. He also encourages students to focus on gaining both knowledge and practical skills, building discipline, and developing a strong work ethic.

Jason's journey from the classroom of UTT ECIAF Campus to his current role in the forestry department demonstrates how education can strengthen professional capacity and create opportunities for career growth. Through his continued commitment to forestry, conservation and community education, Jason is building on the foundation provided by UTT while contributing to the protection and sustainable management of the region's forest resources.

UTT congratulates Jason on his achievements and wish him continued success in his endeavours.

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Presentation OF Graduates

Tuesday 17 November, 2026
at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 18 November, 2026
at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 19 November, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Lord Kitchener Auditorium, NAPA, Keate Street, Port-of-Spain

From Scholarship Opportunity to Career in Forestry and Wildlife Conservation

Jodelia Simmons, a St Vincent and the Grenadines graduate of the Diploma in Forestry, has transformed a scholarship opportunity from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) into a career in forestry and wildlife conservation. Currently serving as a Technical Aide with the forestry department in her home country, Jodelia contributes to initiatives that protect bird species, wetlands and forest ecosystems while supporting conservation efforts across the Caribbean.

In 2023, Jodelia received a full OECS scholarship to pursue the Diploma in Forestry at UTT. The opportunity allowed her to build on her existing experience in the sector while strengthening her academic and practical knowledge. As a student, she quickly discovered that the programme's balance of theoretical learning and practical field experience aligned well with her professional interests and aspirations.

One of the most memorable experiences of her UTT journey was the opportunity to participate in wildlife-focused field trips across Trinidad and Tobago. Visits to Bajnath's Estate Hummingbird Sanctuary, the Caroni Swamp, the Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust and the Little Tobago Bird Sanctuary, provided invaluable opportunities to observe diverse bird species and wildlife in their natural habitats.

Since graduating, Jodelia's career has continued to evolve through opportunities focused on bird conservation, particularly involving endemic avian species in St Vincent and the Grenadines. Her dedication to wildlife conservation has led to several notable achievements, including attending the 24th BirdsCaribbean Conference in the Dominican Republic, contributing to research and writing on the St Vincent Wren, and helping to develop a grant proposal for bird surveys.

Additionally, Jodelia has been selected for regional conservation training programmes, such as the Conserving Caribbean Wetlands: Waterbird and Shorebird Identification and Census Workshop in Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Bird Banding Training Workshop in Trinidad and Tobago.

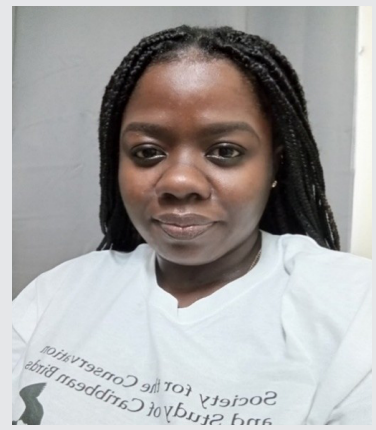
Today, Jodelia plays an active role in strengthening forestry and wildlife conservation efforts in St Vincent and the Grenadines. Her work encompasses not only landbird conservation but also the protection and monitoring of wetlands, shorebirds and waterbirds. Through training, and fieldwork participation in regional initiatives, Jodelia continues to apply the knowledge and skills gained at UTT to benefit both the forestry department and the wider community.

Jodelia encourages current UTT students to embrace every opportunity available during their studies both inside and outside the classroom. She believes that practical experiences, projects and professional relationships often become just as valuable as academic achievements.

Her advice is simple: "Do not give up when things get difficult. Trust God, keep the faith, and continue working hard even when the road feels challenging. There may be delays, disappointments, or moments when you question yourself, but stay committed and trust that God's timing is always right. Most importantly, stay humble, stay focused, and remain passionate about what you are doing. Let God guide you, believe in yourself, and allow your time at UTT to prepare you not just for a career, but for a greater purpose."

Reflecting on her journey at UTT, she describes it as memorable, filled with valuable life lessons, guided by faith, and strengthened by the family bond created throughout her experience.

Jodelia continues to build on the foundation gained at the University, using her skills and experiences to support the protection of forests, wetlands and wildlife in St Vincent and the Grenadines, while encouraging others to embrace every opportunity that can help them discover their own path to success.



Jodelia Simmons - Graduate of UTT's Diploma in Forestry

COMING TO MEET YOU! STUDENT RECRUITMENT VISITS

Friday 2 October	Five Rivers Secondary School
Saturday 3 October	TTSA Headquaters, Hart's Cut Chaguaramas
Tuesday 6 October	Palo Seco Secondary School
Wednesday 7 October	Fyzabad Secondary School
Wednesday 7 October	Holy Cross College
Friday 16 October	Presentation College San Fernando
Saturday 17 October	Presentation College San Fernando
Thursday 22 October	E.V.O.L.V.E. – Junior Creatives Festival, Art By Creative Design (A.B.C.D.) Naparima College
Friday 23 October	US Embassy College Fair Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain
Saturday 24 October	US Embassy College Fair Le Reve Conference Center, San Fernando
Thursday 29 October	San Fernando East Secondary School

Accredited for Global Recognition

UTT Programmes Meet International Standards

Accreditation, in its truest sense, refers to quality and the quality that this accreditation offers speaks to three major areas: "Competence" (assessing the skills and training given to students), "Opportunity" (preparing the students to seize opportunities in the world of work) and "Portability" (ensuring that the students' qualifications can be recognised outside of Trinidad and Tobago). UTT is mission-driven, results-oriented and committed to continuous quality.

In December 2025, UTT received Continuing Institutional Accreditation from the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) for seven (7) years - the maximum period that can be awarded to tertiary institutions.

The list of programmes which have received specialised accreditation, include:

The Joint Board of Moderators (JBM) *comprising* **the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Structural Engineers, the Institute of Highway Engineers, the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation and the Permanent Way Institution** *on behalf of the Engineering Council, UK*

- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering Systems

Institution of Chemical Engineers, UK

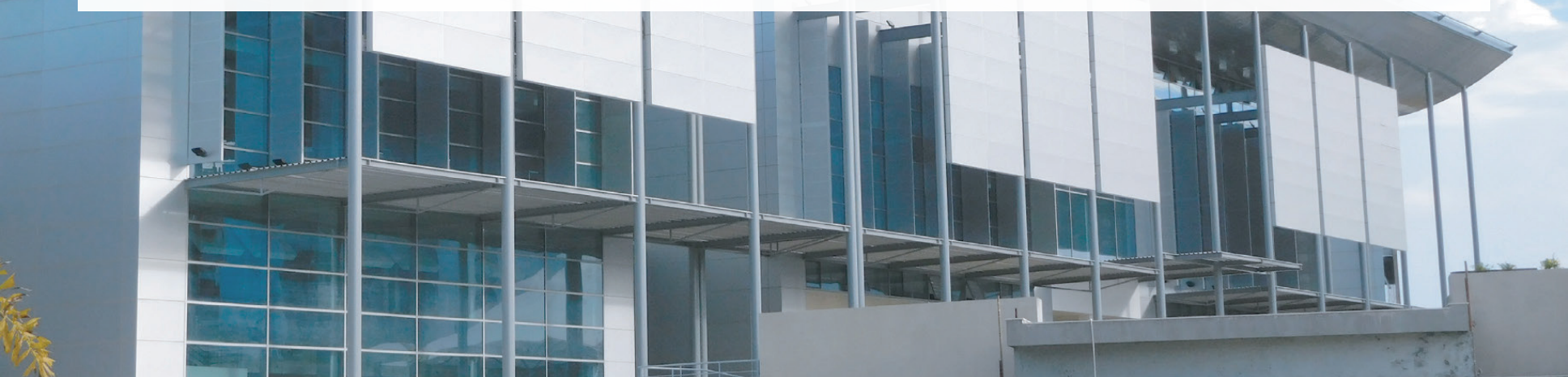
- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Process Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Process Engineering

Energy Institute, UK

- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Petroleum Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Petroleum Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Petroleum Engineering
- Master of Science in Energy Engineering

Institution of Engineering and Technology, UK

- Diploma in Computer, Network and Telecommunication Engineering
- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Electrical/Electronic Engineering
- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Instrumentation Engineering
- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- National Engineering Technician Diploma in Renewable Energy Engineering Technology
- Diploma in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Manufacturing and Design Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Engineering
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Utilities Engineering
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity
- Master of Science in Information and Communication Technology
- Master of Science in Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship



UTT Host Organization of American States Initiative on Cybersecurity

In a display of commitment toward the creation of strategic partnerships, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) hosted the CyberPaths Programme, a joint initiative of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Citi Foundation, and the Trinidad & Tobago Cyber Security Incident Response Team under the Ministry of Homeland Security.



Participants at the CyberPaths programme

The event, themed *Building Blocks Towards A Secure Digital Future Initiative* ran from August 24-28, 2026, provided participants with a foundational understanding of core cybersecurity concepts via theory and practical exercises.

Skills taught at this event aligned with those taught at UTT's Centre for Information and Communication Technology, highlighting the need for linking academic instruction with practical experience.

At the launch for the event held at UTT Point Lisas Campus, Professor Rean Maharaj, President (Ag.), UTT echoed this sentiment, stating "we must strengthen the connection between our academic programmes, cybersecurity education, specialised training, professional certification and industry experience, creating clear pathways into employment, entrepreneurship and further study", adding that this is necessary to remain relevant to the needs of industry, government and the wider society.

UTT is proud to play a part in this initiative which advances the national cybersecurity agenda and strengthens cyber resilience.

Caribbean Maritime Trainers Strengthen Readiness for Alternative Fuels and New Technologies

The Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC) Caribbean, based at The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), successfully hosted a five-day regional seminar on Alternative Fuels and New Technologies for the Safe Operation of Ships, delivered in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the World Maritime University (WMU).

The seminar held in August 2026 brought together twenty-four participants from eight IMO Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, and included maritime educators, trainers and maritime administration officials responsible for seafarer certification and oversight. Women represented 54% of the cohort, reinforcing the importance of inclusive participation in developing the maritime workforce of the future.

The seminar hosted at UTT's Chaguaramas and Point Lisas Campuses was designed to equip trainers and prospective trainers with the knowledge, practical skills and competencies required to develop and deliver effective training for seafarers and shore-based personnel on the safe use, handling, and operation of alternative fuels and emerging maritime technologies.

Participants examined the technical, operational, and safety considerations associated with ammonia, methanol, and hydrogen as well as emerging technologies including battery-electric propulsion and onboard carbon capture and storage. An important focus was also placed on effective training delivery, covering course development, intended learning outcomes, adult learning principles, constructive alignment and assessment methodologies.

The seminar combined classroom instruction with risk management exercises, emergency response scenarios, and practical industry exposure. Site visits to Yara Trinidad Limited and PROMAN Trinidad Limited provided participants with first hand insight into safe handling and management of ammonia and methanol, including emergency procedures, personal protective equipment, safety systems and operational practices.

This seminar represents an important contribution to MTCC Caribbean's wider mandate to strengthen regional capacity for maritime decarbonisation and support the safe adoption of alternative energies and new technologies.

Participants are expected to apply and share the knowledge and skills gained by developing and delivering training within their respective countries and institutions, helping to build a competent Caribbean maritime workforce capable of supporting the sector's energy transition.

MTCC Caribbean remains committed to working with IMO, WMU and Caribbean Member States to strengthen the technical, institutional, and human resource capacity required for a safe and sustainable maritime energy transition.



Maritime Industry Stakeholders at the MTCC Seminar

The Utilities and Sustainable Engineering Unit's First Electronics Camp Sparks Young Minds



Dr Miguel Jagessar, Assistant Professor and Programme Leader, Utilities and Sustainability Engineering, with participants at the USE Camp

The Utilities and Sustainable Engineering Unit (USE) at UTT proudly hosted its inaugural Electronics Camp at UTT Point Lisas Campus in August 2026.

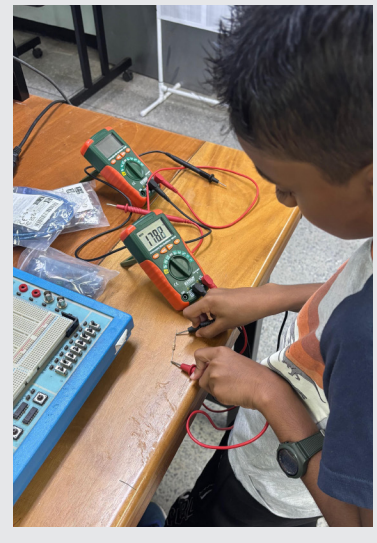
Designed for children ages eight to twelve, the camp blended theory, hands-on exploration, and creativity into an unforgettable STEM experience. Over five days, the young innovators gathered to discover the fascinating world of electronics, guided by UTT's dedicated USE facilitators.

Activities focused on developing basic skills learned as part of USE's academic programmes. These include discovering components, where campers learned safety rules and explored resistors, capacitors, switches, and LEDs; building circuits which provided hands-on challenges with series and parallel circuits that brought theory to life; lighting and coding where participants coded LEDs to blink and sequence, creating mini light shows; and building motors in action which facilitated the creation of DC and servo motors powered fans, arms, and creative builds.

Learning outcomes ensured that by the end of the camp, each participant could identify components including resistors, capacitors, LEDs, and motors, understand circuits and predict their effects, apply coding to control LEDs and motors, experiment safely with tools and parts, and build projects that combined creativity with STEM skills.

The final project was a celebration of imagination and teamwork, where teams assembled and showcased their very own "Smart Robo-Car", complete with lights, motion, and coding magic. Parents and guardians watched proudly as groups presented their projects, complete with blinking headlights, moving arms, and coded routes. The excitement in the room proved that STEM can be both fun and inspiring.

USE's Electronics Camp demonstrates the University's commitment to nurturing the next generation of innovators. By combining sustainable engineering principles and engaging STEM initiatives with playful exploration, the USE Unit is empowering children to see themselves as future engineers, coders, and creators.



A participant putting his skills to work

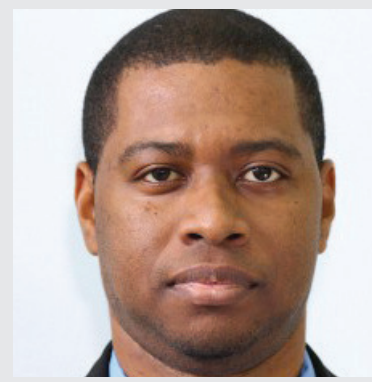
Announcement of New Assistant Vice President, Research, Impact and Postgraduate Studies

Professor David Alexander has been appointed Assistant Vice President, Research, Impact and Postgraduate Studies (AVP RIPS) for the period September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2029.

Professor Alexander has extensive experience in research leadership, grants management, consultancy and academic administration. He has also demonstrated outstanding regional service through sustained leadership in energy education, research, and accreditation, providing a strong foundation for the responsibilities of the AVP RIPS portfolio.

His contributions to research excellence and academic leadership have been recognised regionally through professional awards and sustained engagement with government, industry and international partners.

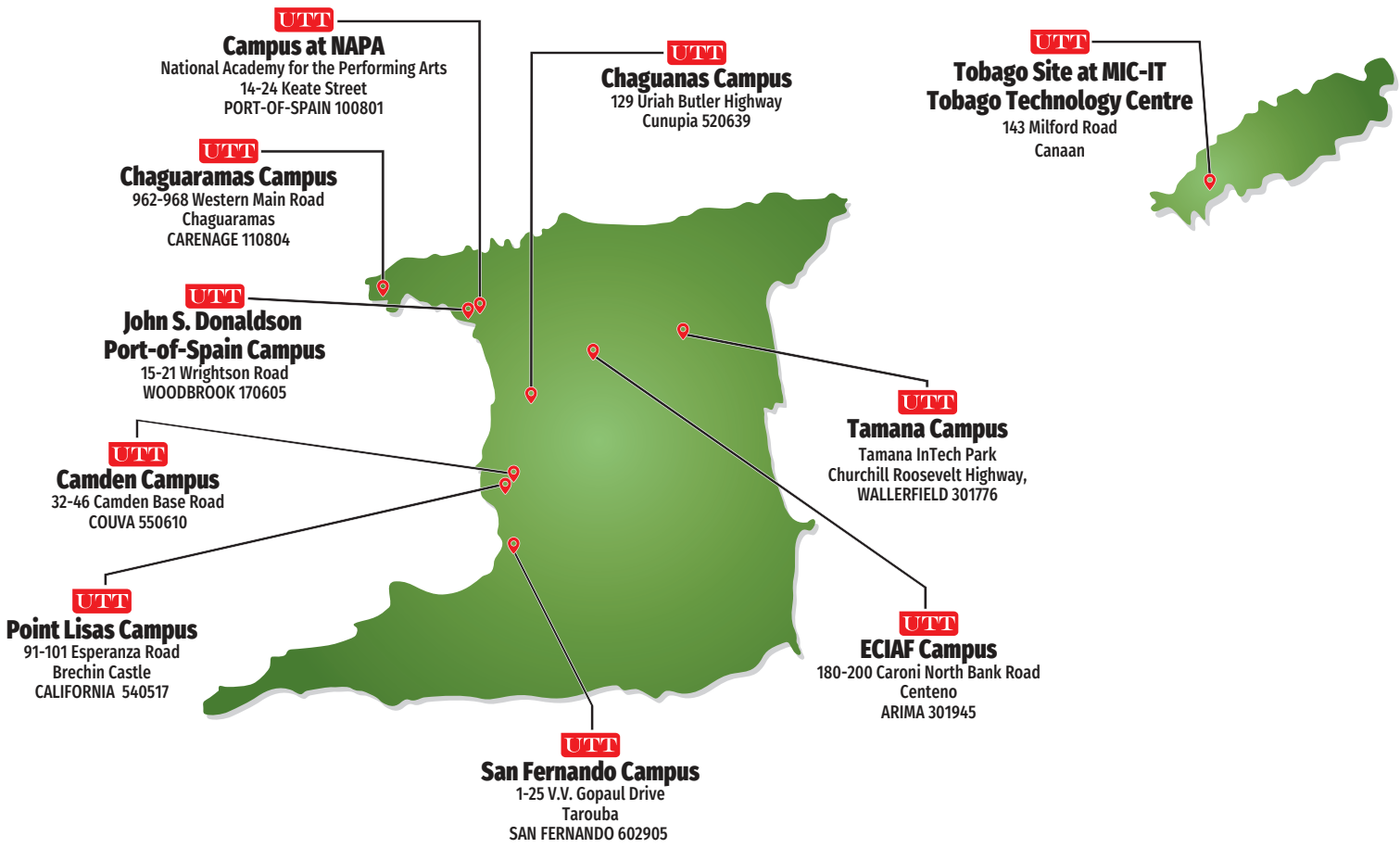
The University of Trinidad and Tobago congratulates Professor Alexander on this achievement, and looks forward to his continued contribution to teaching, research and the development of our students.



Professor David Alexander



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