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PRESS RELEASE

UWI & TTII Launch Internship Programme

The Department of Management Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus and the Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Institute (TTII) have collaborated to establish an internship programme for undergraduate students pursuing the BSc Insurance and Risk Management.

This signature project is designed to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students enrolled in the programme to gain valuable work experience with the corporate members of TTII. The benefits of the internship to students include:

- Exposure to industry best practices;
- Bridging the gap between academia and practical experience in the real-world setting;
- Enhancing their marketability and potential "employability";
- Gaining hands-on experience in the world of work;
- Enhancing their holistic development;
- Having the opportunity for full-time employment.

This internship experience commences with the first offering during the period of May - August 2023. The application period and acceptance for the internship programme begins during the student's first academic semester of their second year in their degree programme at The UWI.

An official orientation session for successful interns is carded for 2nd June, 2023.

The BSc Insurance and Risk Management degree programme was officially launched by The UWI in 2011 when insurance industry stakeholders recognized a major gap within the industry, with respect to employees possessing the technical and academic competencies needed to efficiently advance their careers as insurance professionals. The programme provides students with analytical and problem-solving skills to address the complex issues in the Insurance sector within a local context. The courses within the programme take an interdisciplinary approach to learning and skills development which include management, economics and statistics. Furthermore, students from various disciplines can pursue the Insurance and Risk minor which also covers key areas of risk management and classes of insurance business.

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