



UNIVERSITY of GUYANA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

CONTINUING STUDENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ADVISORY

Dear Students and Prospective Students:

RE: UG OPENING DATES FOR NEW SEMESTER

The University of Guyana at an emergency Academic Board summoned by Vice Chancellor Prof Paloma Mohamed late Friday evening agreed to several measures aimed at ensuring a smooth and consistent start of the new semester for all students in the wake of an thousands of documents now pouring into the Registry of the University from feeder institutions.

Though additional resources and extended processing hours have been employed for some time, the appearance of some examination results and the need for document verifications have created a backlog of over 2600 applications at yesterdays date.

The University just hitting its 57th year yesterday, reports that despite the Covid 19 conditions this year has seen the largest number of applicants ever, about to top the 7000 mark.

While the University had projected an October 12 start the Board of top academics late last evening noted that should the original dates have held this would have disadvantaged those whose applications are now being processed, forcing them to join classes weeks late. This the University deemed as contrary to its values of fair, equitable and robust delivery of tertiary education to Guyana.

Please therefore note the following Important dates to aid in your planning and preparations:

All notifications and admission decisions prioritized by the date of receipt of final documents for verification and other registration agreements will be with you by **October 20th, 2020**. Over 3000 applicants would have already heard from the University as at todays date.

Orientation for new and continuing students will begin on **October 26th, 2020**. Orientation is an on-boarding process by which students are introduced to the rules, regulations, lecturers, specific processes, given a tour of physical and online classrooms, taught how to read and calculate their GPA's and academic profiles, made aware of the special services and opportunities available to students etc. **This orientation will take place online and students will receive emails directly with the necessary login information.**

Commencement – which is the first day of classes **will be on November 2, 2020**. **The traditional commencement exercise will also be online this year** as will 65% of the University's classes. The remaining 35% mostly consisting of laboratory and field exercises are expected to be Blended and Face to Face delivered at the various campuses **for specific courses or parts of courses only**. The University is in

the process of putting all contagion protection protocols and physical arrangements in place to address this. **Students will be notified directly of the schedule and safety measures if any of their courses are expected to be face to face.**

The University urges all applicants who have not yet submitted their notarized documents for verification to do so urgently. In an effort to support prospective students' documents **may be verified by Justices of the Peace, Headteachers, Religious persons, Government officials and community leaders who must sign and stamp the documents.** Due to Covid Conditions, **items are not to be presented in person but emailed to admissions@uog.edu.gy.**

The University has already augmented its help desk with 14 new lines accepting calls, WhatsApp and text messages 24/7, in addition to email and a chat feature which will be available from Monday. **Self-assistance for frequently asked questions is also available and persons can visit the University website at <https://www.uog.edu.gy/newsletters/faqs-september-2020>.**

UG's New Help Desk Numbers are:

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All University operations continue under the Emergency Regulations developed and implemented last semester to address safety under the Covid 19 conditions.