

University of Technology, Jamaica
President's Bulletin
Resumption of Teaching and Learning

November 6, 2025

Dear UTech Family,

In the wake of Hurricane Melissa and the severe devastation to lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure across Jamaica, especially in the most affected western parishes, the University of Technology, Jamaica remains focused on the welfare and support of all staff and students.

We continue to conduct comprehensive assessments to ensure that our decisions reflect the best interest and well-being of our university community.

With careful consideration of the conditions across the island and the readiness of our campuses, the following decisions have been taken regarding the resumption of teaching and learning:

Resumption of Classes – Papine & Kingston Campuses

Regularly scheduled in-person and online classes will resume on **Monday, November 10, 2025 at our Papine (Main Campus), Arthur Wint Drive and Slipe Pen Road locations.**

MBA Level 2 students will resume classes on **Sunday, November 9, 2025.**

Western Campus

Starting on Monday November 10, 2025, the Montego Bay campus locations will be opened in phases.

The classes will commence at the Dome Street campus location on Monday, November 10, 2025.

However, the Caribbean School of Nursing campus on Barnett Street will remain closed due to damage caused by the hurricane. Therefore, Nursing students are to report to the Dome Street campus for classes on the November 10, 2025.

Classes remain suspended at the UTech, Ja. campus in Ocho Rios due to damage caused by the hurricane.

A decision regarding the opening of the Barnett Street campus in Montego Bay and the Ocho Rios location will be made in the coming days following the completion of repairs and the restoration of electricity, water supply, and communication connectivity at those campus locations.

Academic Modalities

Instructional content will be modified to ensure completion of essential theoretical, practical, and clinical components of each module, within the existing time left in Semester 1.

Deans and their teams within Colleges and Faculties will determine adjustments to final assessments and modalities and will also decide how modules with clinical or practicum requirements will be completed safely and effectively.

Courses of Study with professional or external certification requirements will complete requirements in full.

Temporary Withdrawal with Permission

Students who are unable to continue their studies this semester due to the impact of Hurricane Melissa may apply for Withdrawal with Permission and are encouraged to return to continue their studies without penalty or impact on GPA as soon as their situation improves.

Requests should be sent to the University Registrar via studentrelations@utech.edu.jm.
Please use your UTech student email address.

Where you are unable to access your UTech student email address, you may use your personal email.

Graduation

The UTech, Jamaica Graduation Ceremony previously scheduled for November 8 and 9 has been postponed. A new date will be communicated once confirmed.

Psychosocial Support Continues

As part of our commitment to the emotional and psychological well-being of our community, psychosocial support continues to be offered to both staff and students through our counsellors and Chaplaincy team. See contact details below.

Financial Alleviation & Welfare Support

The following measures have been put in place for this semester, to assist students adversely affected by Hurricane Melissa:

- No financial penalty for students who need to withdraw for Semester 1
- Waiver of all fee penalties for payment deadlines for Semester 1
- Provision of care packs and supplies, based on type of need
- JUTC Bus Passes to help minimize transportation cost
- Special Welfare (Hurricane) Grants of up to \$50,000.00 for affected students
- Special consideration (on a case-by-case basis) for affected students regarding the 80% exam clearance requirement for Semester 1.

We will Recover and Rebuild Stronger

The University has established an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to support a coordinated and holistic recovery programme. The EOC will oversee all post-hurricane recovery initiatives and includes Recovery Response Teams responsible for:

- Staff and Student Welfare
- Teaching and Learning
- Medical Outreach
- Information and Communication
- Infrastructure, Logistics and Supplies
- Warehouse Management
- Finance and Procurement
- Information Technology.

These teams will provide daily briefings, make recommendations, and ensure all actions align with university policies and national guidelines.

I thank our community for your continued resilience and contribution of ideas and efforts as we navigate this recovery together. Your safety and well-being remain our highest priority.

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Sincerely,

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