



UNIVERSITY of GUYANA

University of Guyana 3RD Diaspora Conference

Hosted by the International Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies

DUE TO SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN THE DIASPORA CONFERENCE, THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2026.

Overview

During the second UG Diaspora conference in May 2023, it was agreed that the University of Guyana should move forward with the establishment of a Migration and Diaspora Research and Studies Centre. The International Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies (MIDIAS) was launched on August 25th 2023 and is located at the Turkeyen Campus of the University of Guyana. MIDIAS promotes a supportive research and teaching environment for scholars concerned with issues of migration and diaspora, drawing on the skills and expertise of national and international academics, agencies, organizations and members of civil society. Furthermore, MIDIAS has an inclusive work agenda of key aspects of the dominant and sub-altern experiences of diasporas in the Caribbean and Latin America as well as in other parts of the world, including reciprocity, opportunities, business, culture, the specific roles and conditions of academics in the diaspora, women and gender, indigenous people, youth, the aged and those who may not be in the highest socio-economic strata in these countries.

CALL FOR PAPERS



Theme: "Diaspora Matters: Belonging, Technology and Diaspora in the 21st Century"

Dates: March 30 – April 1, 2026

Venue: University of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus

The movement and migration of Guyanese and Caribbean peoples continue to shape our identities, our communities, and our connections across the globe. In an era defined by rapid technological advancement, the diasporic experience is transformed by digital connectivity, virtual communities, and innovations that bridge geographic divides. The 21st century has redefined what it means to migrate, to belong, to communicate, to create, and to live in both "here" and "there".



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The University of Guyana's International Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies invites scholars, practitioners, artists, policymakers, and members of the global Guyanese and Caribbean diasporas to participate in its 3rd Diaspora Conference from March 30 to April 1, 2026. This conference seeks to explore among other things how technology reshapes diaspora relations, identity, economies, governance, education, art, and everyday life, as well as how the diaspora itself contributes to technological and social innovation.

The Conference aims to provide a platform for critical discussions, networking, and collaboration between home and diaspora communities to address shared challenges and opportunities in a digitally interconnected world. We invite submissions based on the themes below:

Conference Subthemes

- Technology, Migration, and Identities
- Digital Diasporas and Virtual Communities
- Diaspora Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Artificial Intelligence and Development in the Caribbean Context
- Technology in Education, Research, and Cultural Preservation
- Media, Communication, and Digital Storytelling in the Diaspora
- Governance, Policy, and Digital Citizenship
- Cybersecurity, Data Ethics, and the Digital Divide
- Technology and the Arts: Music, Film, Literature, and Performance
- Diaspora Youth and Technology
- Social Media and Transnational Connections
- Building Digital Bridges: Connecting Home and Diaspora
- The Role of Universities and Research Networks in Diaspora Technology Exchange
- Community Belonging – community, belonging and identities

Format and Presentation Types

The conference welcomes proposals for presentations, panels, roundtables, films, performances, posters, and interactive sessions. Submissions that incorporate creative or participatory formats are highly encouraged.

Presenters are encouraged to engage audiences in dialogue and collaborative thinking that can lead to tangible outcomes and new ideas.

We particularly welcome contributions from youth, diaspora community-based organizations, and members of the diaspora working in technology and innovation



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Proposal Guidelines

Please submit a 150-word abstract in Word format including the following:

1. Author(s)
2. Title of Presentation
3. Relevant Subtheme
4. Institutional/Organizational Affiliation (Non-affiliated applicants are welcome)
5. Email Address
6. Country of Residence/Country of Birth
7. Abstract / Body of Proposal
8. Short Bio (100 words) with photo
9. Word document

Send submissions to: ugdiasporaconference@uog.edu.gy

Email Subject Line: Presentation Proposal: UG 3rd Diaspora Conference

– [Your Name]/Name of Proposal/Sub Theme

Important Dates

Notification of Acceptance – By Feb 17, 2026

Registration Deadline – Mar 1, 2026

Full Presentation Draft Due – Mar 15, 2026

Email: ugdiasporaconference@uog.edu.gy.

Website: <https://ugdiasporacentre.uog.edu.gy>

Registrations will open on Feb 1, 2026

This will be an in-person event