

Vantage Airport Group Education Award offers \$30,000 to Bahamian students for international study at Thompson Rivers University in Canada

Nassau, Bahamas (December 15, 2015): Today, Vantage Airport Group, manager of the Lynden Pindling International Airport, and Thompson Rivers University (TRU) introduced the *Vantage Airport Group International Education Award*. Vantage, which also operates Kamloops Airport in British Columbia, Canada, is offering a new \$7,500 tuition award for a student to attend university at TRU in Kamloops, making \$30,000 available over the next four years.

The *Vantage Airport Group International Education Award* will provide \$7,500 annually to a student from The Bahamas who enters or continues their studies in an undergraduate program at TRU in the Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism or the School of Business and Economics. Bahamian students applying to one of the eligible programs will automatically be considered for the award.

"Investing in the communities where we do business is a priority for Vantage," said George Casey, President and CEO at Vantage Airport Group. "Through this new education award, we are building on the cultural and business connections between two of the countries in which we operate, while giving a deserving student an opportunity for a Canadian learning experience."

TRU is a leading university for international students and is located in the western Canadian province of British Columbia in the city of Kamloops. It has a modern campus with a wide variety of facilities and services for students, including activity clubs and athletic teams. The city boasts a population of more than 87,000 and has a year-round climate—its warm, dry summers and snowy winters make it a hotspot for outdoor adventure activities such as golf, hiking and skiing.

"International students make a major contribution to our campus community, and we are so pleased to partner with Vantage on this new award," said Christopher Seguin, Vice President Advancement, at Thompson Rivers University. "TRU is a leading Canadian destination for international students because of our range of study options and active student life. We currently have 1,750 international students from 85 countries studying at our campus, and are looking forward to welcoming Vantage's award recipient from The Bahamas."

"Lynden Pindling International Airport benefits every day from the connections that come with being one of the airports in Vantage's global network," said Vernice Walkine, President and CEO at Lynden Pindling International Airport. "This award is an excellent opportunity for a student from the Bahamas to experience the power of building their own international connections. I encourage Bahamian students to consider TRU and this award as they plan their post-secondary endeavours."

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Interested applicants can learn more about the eligible programs of the award and how to apply by visiting the program pages on TRU's website:

- Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism: <http://www.tru.ca/act.html>
- School of Business and Economics: <http://www.tru.ca/business.html>

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About Vantage Airport Group

Passionate about people, performance and place, Vantage Airport Group is an industry-leading developer and manager of airports around the world. Vantage Airport Group's global network encompasses a diverse group of assets, from small destination airports to large capital city airports. With vastly different competitive and cultural environments, Vantage works in partnership with local stakeholders to identify the challenges and opportunities in each market.

About Thompson Rivers University

At Thompson Rivers University nearly 26,000 students study on campuses in Kamloops and Williams Lake or in distance or online courses and programs through Open Learning. From traditional academics to trades, from certificates to graduate degrees, TRU offers over 140 on-campus programs and 60 Open Learning programs to choose from. TRU's main campus in the heart of Kamloops welcomes a diverse student population that is over 10 percent Aboriginal and 10 percent international, enriching an inclusive community culturally and academically. TRU's modern combination of excellent teaching, community-inspired research, flexibility and student support create an environment where research, creation and innovation thrive—and so do its students.

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