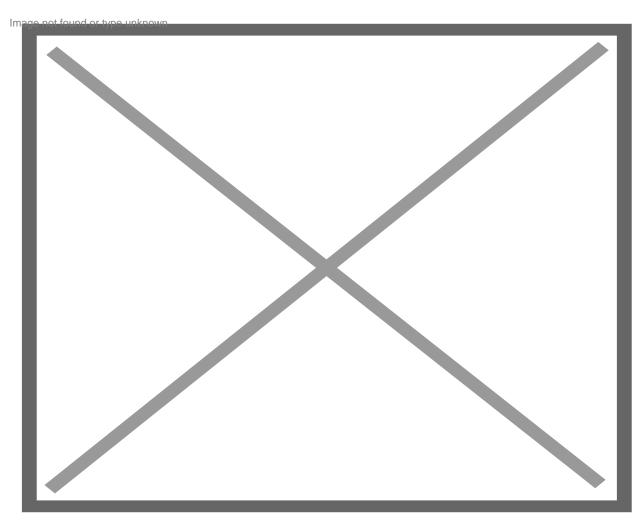
## **UVI Announces Summer Programs for Future Data Scientists and Agricultural Enthusiasts**

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The University of the Virgin Islands has announced two upcoming summer programs aimed at a range of students from future data scientists to budding agricultural enthusiasts.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Mathematics Behind the Data Science (MBDS) Summer Bridge Program and the UVI School of Agriculture's summer program.

The MBDS Summer Bridge Program, which is entirely free of charge, is designed to bolster mathematics and data science preparedness among college-bound students, high school upcoming seniors, and UVI students who have taken MAT 024. This program specifically targets those interested in pursuing careers in science, data science, mathematics, engineering, technology, or medicine.

Applications are due by Wednesday, May 24th, with the program running from May 30 to June 30, 2023, at UVI's Orville E. Kean Campus on St. Thomas. Applications are available online at the UVI MBDS website.

Meanwhile, the UVI School of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service (CES) is offering "Growing Your Best Self – 'You, Me, All Ah We," a five-week summer program which runs from June 12 to July 14. Designed for enthusiastic learners aged 10-14, sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus Research & Extension Center on St. Croix, and the UVI Orville E. Kean Campus New House Building on St. Thomas. Daily lunch will be provided via the V.I. Department of Education's Summer Feeding Program.

Registration is \$250 per child, with discounts available for additional siblings registered.. Applications are due between Wednesday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 30, and can be picked up at designated UVI locations.

Spaces for both programs are limited, according to the press release from UVI, emphasizing the importance of prompt and complete applications. For the MBDS program, documents such as transcripts or references should be submitted to ecs@uvi.edu and the Program Coordinator. For the agriculture program, completed application packages must be dropped off at specified UVI locations.

Notifications of selection for the agriculture program will be made by Wednesday, May 31, with payment due in full by Friday, June 2. The public is also asked to note that birth certificates and immunization records are required at registration.

For additional information on the MBDS program, contact Brandon Rhymer, the program coordinator, at (340) 514-7770 or email b.a.rhymer@gmail.com. For the agriculture program, reach out to Sarah Dahl-Smith, assistant director at (340) 692-4084, or Carol Shoy, Extension Program supervisor on St. Thomas at (340) 693-1082.

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