

# THE CROPPER FOUNDATION

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“... the truest writers are those who see language not as a linguistic process but as a living element...”  
— [Derek Walcott](#)

THE CROPPER FOUNDATION's 8th Residential Creative Writers Workshop is now open for applications. The Workshop sponsored by The Cropper Foundation, and organised in partnership with the Department of Creative and Festival Arts, University of the West Indies, St Augustine, will take place from June 29th to July 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Trinidad and Tobago. Applications are open to published or unpublished prose fiction writers, as well as poets and playwrights.



Professor Funso Aiyejina



Dr. Merle Hodge

Two experienced and published authors -- Professor Funso Aiyejina and Dr Merle Hodge from the University of the West Indies will be the residential moderators for the two-week workshop. Since 2000 they have mentored writers from Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Dominica, St. Lucia, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Caribbean Diaspora (Canada, USA, France), many of whom have gone on to publish their original creative writing and won a number of international Literary Awards.

The writers' workshop is part of **The Cropper Foundation's** effort to contribute to the development of the Caribbean on many levels and in different areas of interest. Participants of the Residential Creative Writers Workshop will also benefit from visits and discussions with published authors and professionals from the publishing industry.

Interested writers are invited to submit five pages of a sample of their prose fiction, plays or their poetry no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013** to the following address: Writers Workshop, Department of Creative & Festival Arts, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. All applicants (above the age of twenty) are responsible for their travel to and from Trinidad, and will be asked to contribute US\$500 or TT\$3000 each for the two week workshop. For application forms and further information, call Dani Lyndersay or Sherry-Ann Carrington at the UWI Department of the Creative and Festival Arts, telephone: (1 868) 662-2002 (ext. 83539/83539/83791 ); fax: (1 868) 663 2222; or email: [danielle.lyndersay@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:danielle.lyndersay@sta.uwi.edu); or [sherry-ann.carrington@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:sherry-ann.carrington@sta.uwi.edu) -- Subject: Writers' workshop or visit The Cropper Foundation's website at [www.cropperfoundation.org](http://www.cropperfoundation.org) or download the application form [HERE](#).