The Regional Internship Programme is part of CCRIF's Technical Assistance (TA) Programme. Started in 2009, the TA Programme provides an ongoing mechanism for support within the Caribbean region for capacity building initiatives and the development and implementation of projects to improve the effectiveness of disaster risk management. The Programme aims to help Caribbean countries deepen their understanding of natural hazards and catastrophe risk, and the potential impacts of climate change on the region.

The Programme consists of three components:
- Scholarship/professional development programme
- Regional knowledge building
- Support for local disaster risk reduction initiatives

Within the TA Programme, CCRIF supports the region in disaster management efforts through partnerships with regional organisations, implementing capacity building initiatives, education, research and development and knowledge sharing.

The Regional Internship Programme is designed to provide opportunities for students who have specialised in the areas of disaster risk management, environmental management, actuarial science, geography, climate studies and other similar areas to be assigned to regional organisations where their educational experience can be enhanced through practical work assignments.

In this initiative, CCRIF expects to partner with the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) and the University of the West Indies (UWI) among others.

The programme will benefit both the participating organisations and the interns.

For Interns – Young Caribbean Professionals and Students
The Regional Internship Programme will:
- Promote academic, career and/or personal development
- Provide experiential learning thereby ensuring that interns gain vital skills and experience that they will be able to use throughout their professional career
- Expose interns to the work being undertaken in the region in the areas of disaster risk management, climate change and risk transfer

For Regional Organisations
The Regional Internship Programme will:
- Provide temporary employees with special and new/cutting-edge skills and knowledge
- Assist with the organisations’ work towards achieving its targets.
Requirements of the CCRIF Regional Internship Programme

Eligibility
Interns must be citizens of CARICOM and/or CCRIF member countries and must be graduates of a recognized university and have completed a course of study in any one of the following key areas of study: disaster risk management; environmental management, meteorology; climate studies, civil engineering, management studies with a focus on risk management, environmental economics, geography, geology, civil engineering, risk management and actuarial science.

- Candidates applying must have completed their first degree by the closing date of applications. They may be enrolled in a higher degree programme at that time.
- Preference will be given to candidates who are recipients of either a CCRIF-UWI Scholarship or a CCRIF Scholarship.
- Applicants must be available for a minimum of two months.
- The internship programme will be on a full-time basis with interns working five days a week in the regional organisation selected for them, under the supervision of an experienced staff member.

Submission Guidelines
Candidates are required to submit their applications electronically using the CCRIF website and specifically through the CCRIF Internship Programme online platform (see below). The guidelines and instructions are located on this online platform.

Deadlines for Applications
Please visit the CCRIF Regional Internship Programme website for application deadlines.

Information and Instructions
General information about the internship programme:
http://www.ccrif.org/content/regional-internship-programme

Specific information and guidelines and submission of application:
http://www.ccrif.org/content/regional-internship-application

For additional information or for clarification, please email: pr@ccrif.org