



## CCRIF Scholarship Programmes



**The CCRIF Scholarship Programmes** help to create a cadre of Caribbean professionals who will play a key role in developing national and regional strategies that will lead to improved disaster risk management and increased climate change resilience.

In 2014, CCRIF awarded scholarships worth a total of approximately US\$120,000 to nine Caribbean students to pursue studies in 2014 in areas related to disaster risk management under its two annual scholarship programmes – the CCRIF Scholarship Programme and the CCRIF-University of the West Indies (UWI) Scholarship Programme.

Since the inception of these scholarship programmes in 2010, the facility has provided scholarships worth almost US\$600,000 to 35 persons from 11 countries in the region. Recipients of CCRIF scholarships have gone on to work in the fields of environmental risk management, environmental engineering, disaster/emergency response, climate change policy, sustainable development and meteorology, among others.

The **CCRIF Scholarship Programme** provides scholarships to individuals to pursue a masters degree in hazard/disaster related disciplines at Caribbean universities (other than UWI) as well as institutions the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

Under the **CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme**, students across all three UWI campuses in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago are eligible for scholarships to pursue study in fields such as natural resource management, climate change, meteorology, geography/geology and civil/environmental engineering. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students enrolled in a qualifying BSc programme at UWI to cover their second and third years of study and also to persons who will pursue a masters degree in an eligible programme at the University.

### THE CCRIF TA PROGRAMME

CCRIF's Scholarship Programmes are 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.

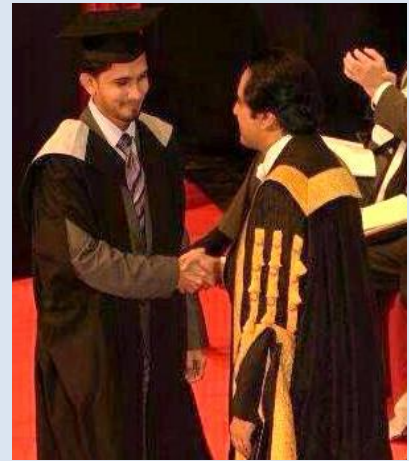
The Programme consists of three components:

- 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.



*CCRIF CEO, Mr. Isaac Anthony (2<sup>nd</sup> right), paid a courtesy visit on UWI Registrar, Mr. Clement Iton (1<sup>st</sup> left) in January 2013 and had the opportunity of meeting two of CCRIF's scholarship recipients for 2012/13, Herona Thompson (3<sup>rd</sup> left) from Jamaica and Carina Rouse (1<sup>st</sup> right) from Anguilla, both reading for Geography degrees at the Mona Campus. Also in the photo is Dr. Angella Stephens (2<sup>nd</sup> left) from the UWI undergraduate scholarship department.*

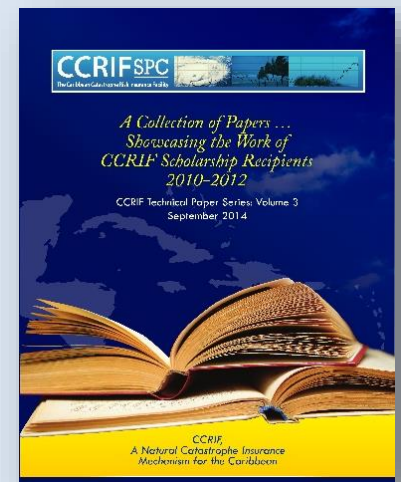


*In January 2014 Mahendra Saywack (left) from Guyana received his degree of Master of Science with Distinction in Climate Change and Development from the University of Sussex.*

CCRIF has highlighted some of the outstanding work produced by past scholarship recipients in the course of their studies in a new publication titled "CCRIF Technical Paper Series - Volume 3: A Collection of Papers ... Showcasing the Work of CCRIF Scholarship Recipients 2010-2012".

The publication includes the following papers:

- *An Assessment of Tropical Cyclone Rainfall Characteristics within the Eastern Caribbean* - **Wazita Scott, St. Vincent & the Grenadines**
- *Capacity Assessment Earthquake Unit, Mona, Jamaica* - **Anna Tucker, Jamaica**
- *Climate Smart Agriculture: Can It Be Achieved?* – **Mahendra Saywack, Guyana**
- *The impact of hydro-meteorological hazards on crop production among small-scale farmers in Crofts Hill, Clarendon* - **Dorlan Burrell, Jamaica**
- *Why is a hardware financing policy mechanism like the CDM inadequate to facilitate low carbon technology transfer to many developing countries?* - **Mahendra Saywack, Guyana**



It is available on the CCRIF website at [www.ccrif.org/publications/ccrif-technical-paper-series-volume-3-september-2014](http://www.ccrif.org/publications/ccrif-technical-paper-series-volume-3-september-2014).

For more information about the scholarships visit:  
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