



## CCRIF Postgraduate Scholarship Programme Guidelines 2021

### The CCRIF Scholarship Programme

CCRIF provides up to seven scholarships annually for students pursuing a Masters or an MBA programme in a number of pre-identified areas related to disaster risk management (see eligibility criteria) as follows:

- **6 scholarships** for study at the following accredited universities in the Caribbean: The University of the West Indies; University of Technology, Jamaica; Northern Caribbean University (Jamaica); University of Guyana; University of Suriname; and University of Trinidad and Tobago
- **1 scholarship** for study at a university in the United Kingdom, United States or Canada

#### *Eligibility*

Scholarship recipients must be citizens of CARICOM member or associate member countries and/or CCRIF member countries in the Caribbean<sup>1</sup>.

The eligible Master's level programmes in the Caribbean are presented in the table below. This table will be revised from time to time as new programmes emerge either across these universities listed here or other universities.

University	Eligible Programmes
University of the West Indies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, Mona – M.Sc. Natural Resource Management (Option – Integrated Urban and Rural Environmental Management)</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, Cave Hill – M.Sc. Natural Resource and Environmental Management (Option – Climate Change)</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, Cave Hill – M.Sc. Natural Resource and Environmental Management (Option – Land Management and Environmental Resilience)</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, St. Augustine - MSc Biodiversity Conservation &amp; Sustainable Development in the Caribbean</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering, St. Augustine – M.Sc. Civil and Environmental Engineering</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering, St. Augustine – M.Sc. Urban and Regional Planning</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>The CCRIF Scholarship Programme is not available to CCRIF member countries in Central America.

University	Eligible Programmes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Social Sciences at Cave Hill – M.Sc. Building and Construction Management</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, Mona, M.Sc. - Enterprise Risk Management (Jointly with Mona School of Business and Management)</li> </ul>
University of Guyana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ M.Sc. Environmental Management</li> <li>○ M.Sc. Urban and Regional Planning</li> <li>○ M.Sc. Urban Planning and Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
University of Technology, Jamaica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of the Built Environment, School of Building and Land Management – M.Sc. Built Environment with specializations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Geomatics/Geographic Information Sciences</li> <li>○ Urban Design</li> <li>○ Construction Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Northern Caribbean University (Jamaica)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.Sc. Environmental Science</li> </ul>
University of Trinidad and Tobago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.Sc. Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management</li> </ul>

Eligible programmes at universities in the UK, USA and Canada include one-year Masters-level courses in the following areas:

- Disaster Risk Financing
- Disaster Risk Management
- Risk Management and/or Modelling
- Climate Change/Climate Studies
- Civil with Environmental/Climate Engineering
- Actuarial Science
- Meteorology
- MBA with a major in risk management and/or insurance or a related field (Please specify below)

Online programmes also are eligible for these scholarships. Eligible online programmes include two-year part-time programmes.

Applicants must be holders a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of at least 3.0 in an area related to disaster risk management, environmental management, geography/geology, engineering, actuarial science, or a related discipline. Preference may be given to candidates who have some work or volunteer experience in a related field.

The scholarships are valued up to US\$11,000 each for Caribbean universities and up to US\$40,000 for universities outside of the region and are specifically for those applicants who have gained admission to a Masters level programme or an MBA programme fitting the eligibility criteria presented above.

Preference will be given to persons with supporting nominations from publicly-funded (government) national or regional agencies whose mandates are specific to risk management, disaster risk modelling, disaster risk management, meteorology, climate change, civil with environmental engineering or environmental management.

In the event that the CCRIF scholarship does not cover the total cost of attendance for a specified programme of study, the candidate will be required to demonstrate the availability of support funding to cover the entirety of the programme being considered.

### ***Guidelines for Submission of Application***

All applicants must submit via the CCRIF scholarship online platform:

- A complete application form (available at <https://www.ccrif.org/scholarship>)
- An essay based on the prompt provided in the application form
- A curriculum vitae
- Copy of undergraduate degree and transcript; where the degree is not yet awarded by the application deadline date and will be awarded by the beginning of the postgraduate programme the most up to date transcript will be accepted
- Letter of admission to an eligible programme the Caribbean/ United Kingdom/ United States/ Canada
- Details from the university of the cost of the programme
- Proof of citizenship (copy of passport or national identity document with valid dates)
- Passport-size photograph

Applicants must also provide the following reference reports:

- Two reports from academic referees at the university level attesting to the applicant's academic ability and potential – to be uploaded by
- A professional reference report from one of the following:
  - a current employer – this should explain how the nominee and the home institution will benefit from this new knowledge and expertise;
  - If not currently employed: a former employer – this should attest to the applicant's skills and work professional demeanour and contributions to the institution
  - In the absence of professional experience: a project supervisor or supervisor for volunteer activities – this should attest to the applicant's skills and contributions

Referees must submit these reports to the following email address:  
[scholarshipapplications@ccrif.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@ccrif.org).

- The subject line of the email must include the name of the scholarship applicant.
- The reference report must be in an attachment and the filename must include the name of the scholarship applicant.
- Emails will be accepted only from organizational email addresses – i.e. emails from google, hotmail, yahoo etc. addresses will not be accepted.

- The reference reports must be submitted no later than June 20, 2021 (note that this is after the scholarship application deadline).

### **Conditions**

Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipients must be registered full-time (except in the case of online programmes).</li> </ul>
CCRIF Scholarship Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipients will be required to sign a CCRIF Scholarship Agreement agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship prior to the commencement of their programme</li> </ul>
Bonding Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For programmes at universities in the US, UK or Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recipients will be bonded to work in the Caribbean for a period of three years immediately after completion of the programme.</li> <li>○ Scholarships will not be awarded until a bonding agreement has been established and signed between the nominated scholarship recipient and the government of the respective country or other authorized institution and until all visa requirements (where applicable) have been met.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For programmes at universities in the Caribbean: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recipients will be required to work in the Caribbean for a period of 18 months immediately after completion of the programme.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upon completion of the programme, recipients will be required to notify CCRIF of their employment in the Caribbean at select times/intervals within the bonding period as stipulated in the signed CCRIF Scholarship Agreement.</li> <li>• Recipients who fail to complete the bonding period will be required to repay the award, unless CCRIF and, where applicable, the Government of the recipient’s country have provided a waiver.</li> </ul>
Thesis Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipients must select a thesis topic in an area in which CCRIF has an established interest or which is aligned to the CCRIF mandate and strategic objectives, with a focus on the Caribbean</li> </ul>
Academic Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipients are expected to achieve academic excellence and are required to ensure that grades are at least a Merit or B grade.</li> <li>• A report on academic performance will be required at select times within the academic programme.</li> </ul>
Withdrawal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipients who withdraw from the programme without good reason and the approval of the Academic Director, or who fail to complete the programme, will be required to repay the award.</li> </ul>

Applications must be submitted via the CCRIF online scholarship programme platform at: <https://www.ccrif.org/scholarship> no later than **June 15, 2021**.

For additional information or for clarification, please email: [technicalassistance@ccrif.org](mailto:technicalassistance@ccrif.org)





CCRIF SPC, formerly the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, is a segregated portfolio company, owned, operated and registered in the Caribbean. It limits the financial impact of catastrophic hurricanes, earthquakes and excess rainfall events to Caribbean and Central American governments by quickly providing short-term liquidity when a parametric insurance policy is triggered. It is the world’s first regional fund utilizing parametric insurance, giving member governments the unique opportunity to purchase disaster risk insurance with lowest-possible pricing. CCRIF offers parametric insurance policies to Caribbean and Central American governments for tropical cyclones, earthquakes, excess rainfall and fisheries and also electric utilities parametric policies to electric utility companies in the Caribbean.

CCRIF was developed under the technical leadership of the World Bank and with a grant from the Government of Japan. It was capitalized through contributions to a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) by the Government of Canada, the European Union, the World Bank, the governments of the UK and France, the Caribbean Development Bank and the governments of Ireland and Bermuda, as well as through membership fees paid by participating governments. In 2014, a second MDTF was established by the World Bank to support the development of CCRIF SPC’s new products for current and potential members and to facilitate the entry of Central American countries and additional Caribbean countries. The MDTF currently channels funds from various donors, including: Canada, through Global Affairs Canada; the United States, through the Department of the Treasury; the European Union, through the European Commission, and Germany, through the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and KfW. Additional financing has been provided by the Caribbean Development Bank, with resources provided by Mexico; the Government of Ireland; and the European Union through its Regional Resilience Building Facility managed by the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and The World Bank.

**CCRIF currently has 23 members:**

**19 Caribbean governments** – Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, The Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, and Turks & Caicos Islands

**3 Central American governments** – Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama

**1 electric utility** – Anguilla Electricity Company Ltd. (ANGLEC)

