



CCRIF Scholarship Programme

2020

Guidelines

The CCRIF Scholarship Programme – New Expanded Programme

The CCRIF Scholarship Programme now provides a greater opportunity for students to pursue study at Caribbean universities. Through the CCRIF Scholarship Programme, CCRIF provides a maximum of eight 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; and University of Suriname
- **1 scholarship** for study in the new course based on the CCRIF Training Programme, “Understanding Disaster Risk Financing, CCRIF Parametric Policies and the Relationship with Fiscal and Economic Policy” at the University of the West Indies – **to be offered from August 2020**
- **1 scholarship** for study at a university in the United Kingdom, United States or Canada

Eligibility

Scholarship recipients must be citizens of CARICOM member countries and/or CCRIF member countries in the Caribbean¹.

The eligible programmes in the Caribbean are presented in the table below and include one-year Master’s level courses.

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

¹The CCRIF Scholarship Programme is not available to CCRIF member countries in Central America.

University	Courses Offered
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Social Sciences at Cave Hill – M.Sc. Building and Construction Management • Faculty of Science and Technology, Mona, M.Sc. - Enterprise Risk Management (Jointly with Mona School of Business and Management)
University of Guyana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Earth and Environmental Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M.Sc. Natural Resource Management ○ M.Sc. Climate Change and Disaster Management
University of Technology, Jamaica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of the Built Environment, School of Building and Land Management – M.Sc. Built Environment with specializations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Geomatics/Geographic Information Sciences ○ Urban Design ○ Construction Management ○ Land Management
Northern Caribbean University (Jamaica)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Sc. Environmental Science
University of Suriname	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Technological Science – M.Sc. Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

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

- Disaster risk management
- Disaster risk financing
- Environmental management
- Meteorology
- Climate studies
- Engineering with a disaster risk management component
- Management studies with a risk management component
- Environmental Economics
- Geography/geology
- Actuarial science
- Natural/physical sciences with a disaster risk management component
- (Catastrophe) Risk Management
- Property/Casualty Insurance
- Other hazard/disaster related disciplines
- MBA with a major in risk management and/or insurance or a related field

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

Applicants must be holders of a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours bachelor's degree (or have 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 at a maximum of US\$11,000 each for Caribbean universities and 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 management, meteorology, climate change, 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:

- A complete application form (available at <http://www.ccrif.org/content/scholarship>)
- A curriculum vitae
- Letter of intent explaining reasons for applying and how the course of study will contribute to reducing vulnerabilities to hazards in Caribbean countries and building the capacity of their country or the Caribbean in general in disaster risk management. Reference to CCRIF-related activities will be advantageous. The letter should also indicate long-term career goals as well as any other relevant information CCRIF's Technical Assistance Committee can consider in awarding the scholarship
- Two reports from academic referees at the university level attesting to the applicant's academic ability and potential
- A professional reference from a current employer explaining how the nominee and the home institution will benefit from this new knowledge and expertise and indicating that the employer is willing to facilitate the bonding of the student to the national government upon completion of the degree programme – or (if applicant is not currently employed) from a previous employer or supervisor
- Copy of undergraduate degree
- Letter of admission to an eligible programme
- Details from the university of the cost of the programme
- Details of the type of programme – full time or online
- Proof of citizenship (copy of passport or national identity document with valid dates)
- Passport-size photograph

Conditions

- Recipients must be registered full-time (except in the case of online programmes).
- Recipients will be bonded to work in the Caribbean for a period of three years immediately after graduation.

- 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.
- Recipients will be required to abide by a CCRIF Scholarship Code of Conduct that governs their interaction with CCRIF SPC and with the university.
- Recipients will be required to sign an agreement with CCRIF agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship prior to the commencement of their programme.
- 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.
- Recipients are expected to achieve academic excellence and are required to ensure that grades are at least a Merit or B grade.
- A report on academic performance will be required at select times within the academic programme.
- 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 and as stipulated in the signed agreement.
- Recipients who fail to complete the bonding period will be required to repay the award.

Applications must be submitted via the CCRIF online scholarship programme platform at: <http://www.ccrif.org/content/scholarship> no later than **May 31, 2020**.

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

About CCRIF SPC

CCRIF SPC 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 earthquake, hurricane and excess rainfall catastrophe coverage with lowest-possible pricing.

In 2007, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility was formed as the first multi-country risk pool in the world, and was the first insurance instrument to successfully develop parametric policies backed by both traditional and capital markets. It was designed as a regional catastrophe fund for Caribbean governments to limit the financial impact of devastating hurricanes and earthquakes by quickly providing financial liquidity when a policy is triggered.

In 2014, the facility was restructured into a segregated portfolio company (SPC) to facilitate expansion into new products and geographic areas and is now named CCRIF SPC. The new structure, in which products are offered through a number of segregated portfolios, allows for total segregation of risk. In April 2015, CCRIF signed an MOU with COSEFIN - the Council of Ministers of Finance of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic - to enable Central American countries to formally join the facility.

CCRIF SPC is registered in the Cayman Islands and operates as a virtual organization, supported by a network of service providers covering the areas of risk management, risk modelling, captive management, reinsurance, reinsurance brokerage, asset management, technical assistance, corporate communications and information technology.

CCRIF offers parametric insurance policies for earthquake, tropical cyclone and excess rainfall events to Caribbean and Central American governments and for fisheries to Caribbean countries. It is developing models and products for drought, agriculture and public utilities.

CCRIF helps to mitigate the short-term cash flow problems small developing economies suffer after major natural disasters. CCRIF's parametric insurance mechanism allows it to provide rapid payouts to help members finance their initial disaster response and maintain basic government functions after a catastrophic event.



Since the inception of CCRIF in 2007, the facility has made 41 payouts to 13 member governments on their tropical cyclone, earthquake and excess rainfall policies totalling US\$152 million.

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, an MDTF was established by the World Bank to support the development of CCRIF SPC's new products for current and potential members, and facilitate the entry for 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. In 2017, the Caribbean Development Bank, with resources provided by Mexico, approved a grant to CCRIF SPC to provide enhanced insurance coverage to the Bank's Borrowing Member Countries; and in 2018 Ireland provided support to CCRIF.

CCRIF currently has 22 members.

CCRIF MEMBERS

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

Central America – Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama