



## CCRIF Postgraduate Scholarship Programme Guidelines 2025

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For 2024, CCRIF will provide scholarships for students pursuing a Masters or an MBA programme in a number of pre-identified areas related to disaster risk management 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 the Commonwealth Caribbean (Jamaica), University of Guyana, University of Suriname, and University of Trinidad and Tobago

#### *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
The University of the West Indies	<p><b>Cave Hill Campus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology – M.Sc. Natural Resource and Environmental Management (all options)</li> <li>• Faculty of Social Sciences – M.Sc. Building and Construction Management</li> <li>• Centre for Biosecurity Studies –M.Phil. Biosecurity and Biorisk Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Mona Campus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology – M.Sc. Natural Resource Management (Option – Integrated Urban and Rural Environmental Management)</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology, M.Sc. – Enterprise Risk Management (Jointly with Mona School of Business and Management)</li> </ul> <p><b>St. Augustine Campus</b></p>

<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 Engineering – M.Sc. Civil and Environmental Engineering</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering – M.Sc. Urban and Regional Planning</li> <li>• Department of Civil Engineering - M.Sc. Coastal Engineering and Management</li> <li>• Institute of International Relations – M.Sc. Climate Studies</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology - M. Sc. Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Caribbean</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ M.Sc. Built Environment</li> <li>○ M.Phil. Built Environment</li> <li>○ M.Sc. Integrated Rural Development</li> <li>○ M.Sc. Sustainable Energy and Climate Change</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Caribbean School of Architecture, Master of Architecture (M.Arch)</li> </ul>
Northern Caribbean University (Jamaica)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.Sc. Environmental Science</li> </ul>
University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (Jamaica)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Business Administration (Disaster Management)</li> </ul>
University of Trinidad and Tobago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.Sc. Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management</li> </ul>
Anton de Kom University of Suriname	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Technology - M.Sc. in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources</li> </ul>

Online programmes also are eligible for these scholarships.

Applicants must be holders of 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 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.

### ***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 letter of intent telling us about yourself and what motivates you. Indicate why you chose to apply for this scholarship and why you deserve to be awarded this scholarship. Explain why you chose this university and course of study. Explain how you think your course of study will benefit you personally, your country or the wider Caribbean region and how it is aligned with CCRIF's mandate. The letter should also indicate long-term career goals as well as any other relevant information the Committee can consider in awarding the scholarship.
- 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 21, 2025 (note that this is after the scholarship application deadline).

**Applicants must ensure that referees submit the reports by the 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>• Recipients will be required to work in the Caribbean for a period of 18 months immediately after completion of the programme.</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 has 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, which must be approved by CCRIF</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 14, 2025**.

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