



Scholarships Announcement for Caribbean Nationals Graduate Studies in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation

The 'Enhancing Knowledge and Application of Comprehensive Disaster Management' (EKACDM)' Initiative

The EKACDM Initiative is a five-year project whose ultimate outcome is the implementation of the CARICOM Enhanced Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy and Programme Framework (2007) to reduce the impacts of natural and technological hazards and the effect of climate change on men, women, and children in the region. The Initiative is scheduled to be completed by December 2018. It is being implemented by the Disaster Risk Reduction Centre of the Institute for Sustainable Development in The University of the West Indies, with funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

The Initiative has funding to support scholarships open to graduate students in all areas related to Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation. Candidates with interests in the following areas will be given preference:

- Development of Climate Resilience Indices
- The Effectiveness of Relocation as a Mitigation/Prevention Measure in the Caribbean
- Risk Perception with Reference to the Seismic Hazard
- Vulnerability Assessments, Hazard and Risk Mapping, especially utilising GIS and Remote Sensing
- Gender Studies and Disaster Management
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Information Technology/Computer Programming
- Technology, with a focus on Technological Hazards
- Business Management, with a focus on Disaster Risk Management
- The Role of Insurance in Disaster Risk Reduction
- Business Continuity after Disasters

ELIGIBILITY for Scholarships

- Must be a Caribbean national.
- Must have successfully completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at a high level in an area relevant to Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation including Geography, Geomatics, Environmental Sciences, Coastal Management, Climatology, Gender Studies, Information Technology, and Business or Management.
- Must be accepted and registered in a PhD, MPhil or Taught Masters Programme at The University of the West Indies; students registered in research degrees (PhD, MPhil) may be given preference.
- Evidence of professional experience in any of the fields indicated above will be an asset.

Applicants for scholarships will be assessed by a Selection Committee established by the University Office of Research at The University of the West Indies, in collaboration with the Disaster Risk Reduction Centre and the Institute for Sustainable Development.

How to Apply:

Applications should be sent via **email** to: The University Office of Research, The University of the West Indies: pvcresearch@cavehill.uwi.edu and must be copied to the EKACDM Initiative: ekacdm@uwimona.edu.jm. When applying, please include **EKACDM Scholarship** in the subject line of the email.

The following should be included in your application:

- A current Curriculum Vitae;
- A covering letter including qualifications, professional experience, preferred UWI campus for study, your area of interest for research/study, and full contact details for three Referees;
- Copies of degrees and other academic qualifications; and
- A description of your current or proposed research (this can be brief for students now commencing their studies, but should be longer for students registered for more than one year).

Closing date for this round of applications is **October 31, 2014**.

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