



Guidelines for the CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme Revised for the 2014/15 Academic Year

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Background and Introduction

The CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme is part of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) Technical Assistance Programme (Appendix 1). In 2010, CCRIF through discussions with the University of the West Indies (UWI) Registrar, Mr. William Iton and subsequently through a letter dated 30th March 2010, and signed by Dr. Simon Young on behalf of CCRIF indicated that:

“CCRIF will offer part of its scholarship programme at UWI to be made available in the next academic year - 2010/11. The scope of funding for this programme is outlined below.

- i) Three scholarships for the one-year disaster management Masters degree starting in September 2010;*
- ii) Two 2-year scholarships for students entering their second of three years in Geography/Geology (Mona) and Civil with Environmental Engineering (St. Augustine) - starting in September 2010, one scholarship for each of the programmes;*
- iii) Scholarship coverage for the same students selected in (ii) above in their third year, subject to satisfactory performance in their second year; and*
- iv) Payment to UWI for this scholarship programme of US\$11,000/student for the Masters programme and US\$8,000/student/year for the undergraduate programme, for a total of US\$49,000 for the 2010/11 academic year.”*

The letter further stated:

“Although not explicitly funded right now, the plan would be to fund:

- Three scholarships for the disaster management Masters degree in the 2011/12 academic year (with the intention of maintaining this level of support for this programme in the long term);*
- The third year for the two undergraduates receiving second year scholarships in this (2010/11) academic year (i.e. funding for item (iii) above); and*
- Two new undergraduate scholarships for students in the same courses of study (outlined in (ii) above) entering their second year in 2011.”*

In an attempt to streamline its Technical Assistance Programme, CCRIF undertook a review of the CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme in November 2012. Subsequent to the review, CCRIF held discussions with UWI in May 2013, at which time both parties agreed to revise the guidelines for the CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme. **This paper sets out the revised guidelines.**

Updated CCRIF-UWI Undergraduate Scholarship Programme

Commencing academic year 2013/14, CCRIF will offer four (4) scholarships per year to students entering their second of three years in a range of undergraduate programmes of study listed below under “Eligibility Criteria” and which are aligned to the CCRIF mandate, vision and mission. Scholarships will be offered on all three campuses of the University.

Each scholarship will be valued at US\$4,000 per student per year. CCRIF will provide scholarship coverage in the third year for the four students awarded scholarships in year 2, subject to satisfactory academic performance (the maintenance of a 3.0 and upwards GPA) in their second year.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The scholarships are open to CARICOM nationals as well as nationals of the 16 member countries of CCRIF pursuing a course of undergraduate study in any one of the following seven programmes:
 - i) Faculty of Humanities and Education at Mona for a **major in Geography**
 - ii) Faculty of Science and Agriculture at St. Augustine for a **major in Geography**
 - iii) Faculty of Science and Technology at Mona for a **major in Geography or Geology**
 - iv) Faculty of Engineering at St. Augustine for a degree in **Civil with Environmental Engineering**
 - v) Faculty of Science and Technology at Cave Hill for a degree in **Earth Sciences**
 - vi) Faculty of Science and Technology at Cave Hill for a degree in **Meteorology**
 - vii) Faculty of Social Sciences at St. Augustine for a special management studies degree in **Insurance and Risk Management**
2. The award will be based on excellent academic performance (minimum GPA of 3.0) and written evidence of financial need or a combination of both

Value of Award

Each award is valued at US\$4,000 per year.

Duration of Scholarship

The duration of the scholarship is for years 2 and 3 of the approved undergraduate programme, with the award in year 3 subject to the academic performance of the student in year 2 meeting the minimum 3.0 GPA.

Conditions

- Recipients must be registered full-time, and must not be holders of any other scholarship award or be employed full-time.
- Students who have withdrawn 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.

Submission Requirements

All applicants must submit:

- A completed application form with required supporting documentation

Selection of Awardees

The Campus Committees for Undergraduate Awards at the Mona, St. Augustine and Cave Hill Campuses will shortlist the nominees based on the criteria specified and submit the shortlist to the Office of the Board for Undergraduate Studies, which will annually make a recommendation to CCRIF for the award of the scholarships.

Updated CCRIF-UWI Postgraduate Scholarship Programme

Starting in academic year 2013/14, CCRIF will offer three (3) scholarships per year to students entering a range of postgraduate programmes of study listed below under “Eligibility Criteria” and which are aligned to the CCRIF mandate, vision and mission. Scholarships will be offered on all three campuses of the University.

Eligibility Criteria

1. These scholarships are open to CARICOM nationals as well as nationals of the 16 member countries of CCRIF pursuing a course of postgraduate study in any one of the following four programmes:
 - i) Faculty of Science and Technology at Mona for a Masters in Natural Resource Management (**Option – Disaster Management**)
 - ii) Faculty of Science and Technology at Cave Hill for a Masters in Natural Resource and Environmental Management (**Option – Climate Change**)
 - iii) Faculty of Engineering at St. Augustine for a Masters in **Civil and Environmental Engineering**

iv) Faculty of Social Sciences at Cave Hill for a Masters in **Building and Construction Management**

2. Applicants should be holders of a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours Bachelors degree (or have a GPA of at least 3.0) in an area related to the postgraduate programmes mentioned above or in another area such as geography, environmental management, disaster risk management or engineering.
3. Preference may be given to students who have considerable work experience in the field of disaster management or sustainable development in the Caribbean and a record of university community service achievements as well as a broader community involvement.

Value of Award

Each award is valued at US\$11,000.

Duration of Scholarship

The full duration of the Masters programme: one year (or 15 months for the MSc. in Building and Construction)

Submission Requirements

All applicants must submit:

- A completed application form (Application Form (SGSR-03CCRIF))
- An academic curriculum vitae
- A letter to the Scholarship Committee indicating the applicant's long-term career goals and highlighting any other relevant information the applicant would like the Committee to consider in awarding the scholarship
- Two reports from academic referees attesting to the applicant's academic ability and potential (to be submitted on the Referee's Report Form (SGSR-04CCRIF))
- A professional reference, if the applicant has previously worked in the field of disaster management

Conditions for the Award

- Recipients must be registered full-time, and must not be holders of any other scholarship award or be employed full-time.
- Recipients will be required to work in their respective countries or any other country in the Caribbean for a period of one year immediately after graduation. Failure to do so will necessitate the repayment of the award.

- Students who have withdrawn 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.

Selection of Awardees

The Campus Committees for Postgraduate Awards at the St. Augustine, Mona and Cave Hill Campuses will shortlist the nominees based on the criteria specified and submit the shortlist to the Office of the Board for Postgraduate Studies, which will make a recommendation to CCRIF on the award of the scholarships.

General Conditions for the Updated Postgraduate and Undergraduate Scholarship Programmes

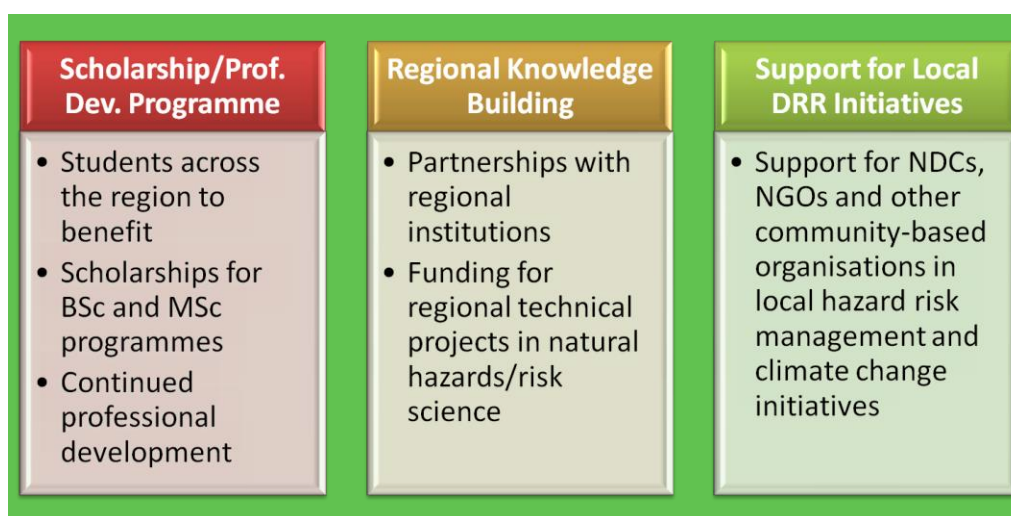
The Scholarship Programme will continue to be governed by the general conditions set out below:

- UWI will use its internal processes and procedures to advertise the scholarships, giving due recognition to CCRIF as the source of funding.
- UWI will undertake to shortlist awardees based on academic performance and, in the case of a Masters programme, make use of interviews as part of the method for shortlisting awardees, after which a recommendation will be made to CCRIF on the award of the scholarships.
- UWI will alert CCRIF to any issues arising during the selection of awardees and/or academic performance of awardees during the year.
- UWI will provide CCRIF at the end of each academic year with an annual report on the status of the performance of each of the awardees and a recommendation on the continuation (or not) of the four undergraduate scholarships active for students moving into their third year.
- Both entities will designate personnel to act on their behalf.

Appendix 1:

The CCRIF Technical Assistance Programme

In 2009, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) launched its Technical Assistance Programme. This Programme consists of three components and is designed to provide an on-going mechanism for grant support within the Caribbean region for capacity building initiatives and the development and implementation of projects which have a strong potential for improving the effectiveness of 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 three components are as follows:



Under the Technical Assistance Programme, CCRIF has among other things:

- Awarded nineteen scholarships (between 2010 and 2012) to Caribbean nationals either through its Extra-Regional Scholarship Programme, its CCRIF-University of the West Indies (UWI) scholarship programme or as part of its cooperation with member countries and regional organisations. Total disbursements to date are in excess of US\$230,000.
- Published a range of informational products such as booklets and technical papers, around subject areas relating to disaster risk, risk-transfer solutions and climate change, which can promote informed decision making with respect to catastrophe risk as the Facility commits to increasing the focus of Caribbean governments on disaster risk reduction as part of national planning efforts.

- Established strategic alliances with key regional organisations and donors through the signing of MoUs (seven MoUs have been signed to date -- with Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, UWI Seismic Research Centre and Inter-American Development Bank) and other mechanisms, which are aimed at developing programmes and other initiatives to reduce existing vulnerabilities in the small island and coastal states of the region.

The CCRIF-UWI Scholarship Programme

CCRIF launched its scholarship programme with UWI in 2010 and since then the Facility has provided a total of fourteen scholarships to students at the Mona (Jamaica) and St. Augustine (Trinidad & Tobago) campuses of the University. CCRIF provides three scholarships each year for the one-year disaster management Masters degree offered at the Mona Campus and two two-year scholarships for students entering their second of three years in the Geography/Geology degree programme (Mona Campus) or Civil with Environmental Engineering degree programme (St. Augustine Campus).

Scholarship Disbursements 2010 – 2013

| Year | Recipient | Faculty | Nationality of Recipient | Value of Scholarship (US\$) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2010/11 | Rhon-Paul Soltau | BSc. Civil and Environmental Engineering, St. Augustine (2nd year) | Jamaican | 4,000 |
| | Wanda Monroe | BSc. Civil and Environmental Engineering, St. Augustine (2nd year) | Jamaican | 4,000 |
| | Odene Baker | BSc. Department of Geography and Geology, Mona (3rd year) | Jamaican | 8,000 |
| | Gerarda Ramcharansingh | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Trinidadian | 11,000 |
| | Kevin Douglas | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Jamaican | 11,000 |
| | Dorlan Burrell | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Jamaican | 11,000 |
| Total for 2010/11 | | | | 49,000 |

| Year | Recipient | Faculty | Nationality of Recipient | Value of Scholarship (US\$) |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2011/12 | Rhon-Paul Soltau | BSc. Civil and Environmental Engineering, St. Augustine (3rd year) – continuation of scholarship | Jamaican | 8,000 |
| | Wanda Monroe | BSc. Civil and Environmental Engineering, St Augustine (3rd year) – continuation of scholarship | Jamaican | 8,000 |
| | Thalia Balkaran | MPhil Disaster Management, Mona (year 1 of 2 years) | Trinidadian | 8,250 |
| | Julian Wilson | BSc. Civil Engineering, St Augustine (2nd year) | Barbadian | 8,000 |
| | Kenton Gamble | BSc. Civil Engineering, St Augustine (2nd year) | Barbadian | 8,000 |
| Total for 2011/12 | | | | 40,250 |
| 2012/13 (current disbursements as of June 2013) | Julian Wilson | BSc. Civil Engineering, St Augustine (3rd year) – continuation of scholarship | Barbadian | 8,000 |
| | Kenton Gamble | BSc. Civil Engineering, St Augustine (3rd year) – continuation of scholarship | Barbadian | 8,000 |
| | Carina Rouse | BSc. Humanities and Education Geography, Mona | Anguilla | 8,000 |
| | Herona Thompson | BSc. Science and Technology Geography, Mona | Jamaica | 8,000 |
| | Tameka Claudius | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Jamaican | 11,000 |
| | Anna Hope Tucker | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Jamaican | 11,000 |
| | Rushelle Bennette | MSc. Disaster Management, Mona | Jamaica | 11,000 |
| | Thalia Balkaran | MPhil Disaster Management, Mona (year 2 of 2 years) | Trinidadian | 8,250 |
| Total for 2012/13 | | | | 73,250 |
| Total | | | | 162,500 |

Additionally, CCRIF is providing support/full scholarships to the Government of Belize for two of its officials employed to the National Meteorological Service to allow them to study for a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology at the University of West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados. The total value of these two scholarships (which began in academic year 2011/12 and will continue for two additional years through to academic year 2013/14) is US\$94,480.