



SCHOLARSHIP

CLIMATE-READY GERMPLASM DEVELOPMENT

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), an autonomous institute funded by member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for a Scholarship in Climate-ready Germplasm Development.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this scholarship is the development of the human capacity of the CARIFORUM Region in the area of mitigation against the effects of climate change by the training of Regional scientists. Training will be at the Master of Science postgraduate level. On completion of training, the candidate would be capable of mapping the vulnerability/adaptation profiles of crop plants and developing climate resilient germplasm.

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

The scholarship is being offered as an element of Component 2 (Improving the Transfer and Adoption of Applied Agricultural Production and Processing Research Results and Technologies and where appropriate, Generate New Technologies for Target Commodities) of the EU funded Agriculture Policy Programme (APP). A primary objective of the APP is the improvement of the regional food and nutrition security. It aims to achieve this by contributing to reduction of poverty and the sustainable economic growth of small producers/entrepreneurs of CARIFORUM member states. One of the approaches to achieving this goal involves improving the human and physical capacities in the region against the effects of climate change on food production. This scholarship aims to achieve this by training regional scientists, at least to the post-graduate level of Master of Science, in selection, evaluation and development of crop germplasm that can withstand the effects of climate change and extremes of weather conditions. Eligibility depends on acceptance by any accredited university/learning institution Worldwide and is for a maximum of US\$27,000.00 which can be used to offset tuition, living expenses or airfare of the selected candidate.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS /SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The successful candidate will have the following:

- A first degree level qualification in Agricultural Science, genetics, plant breeding or related fields.
- Knowledge in the area of climate change and its risk to agriculture
- Evidence of acceptance by an accredited university/learning institution for the appropriate course of study.
- Letter of recommendation from employer
- Commitment to return to the Caribbean and contribute to the agriculture sector.
- Total budgeted cost of training
- Evidence of sources of funding for all training costs other than that covered by the scholarship.

Applications should reach the Institute no later than Thursday 26th March 2015 and should be addressed as follows:

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Unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.