

**THE MINISTRY OF
ENERGY AND BUSINESS**



**2023 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ministry of Energy and Business of the Government of Barbados, in seeking to ensure that the relevant skills and expertise are available to guide the development of Barbados' offshore energy sector, drafted a Local Content Policy which outlines the plans and strategies for building capacity and creating educational, investment and business opportunities for Barbadian citizens. To this end, the Ministry of Energy and Business has established the 2023 Energy Development Scholarship. This initiative is funded by offshore petroleum licensee, Woodside Energy, under the terms of its two (2) Exploration Licences for the Carlisle Bay and Bimshire blocks. It is envisioned that this scholarship will contribute to the development of local content by assisting aspiring Barbadians to pursue programmes of study relating to offshore energy development.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- a. Be citizens of Barbados.

- b. Be a person who has been accepted to complete studies on a full-time basis at an accredited international academic institution. The field of study should be in areas related to the development of Barbados' offshore energy sector. The areas of study may include:
 - Geology and Geophysics
 - Petroleum/Coastal/Offshore Engineering
 - Health, Safety and Environment in the Energy Sector
 - Petroleum/Energy Economics
 - Petroleum/Maritime/Energy Law
 - Data Science in the Energy Sector
 - Coastal Dynamics and Oceanography
 - Energy Management
 - Energy Transition

- c. Be a person of outstanding ability between the ages of 21 and 45.
- d. Be a person of high intellectual and academic achievement who possesses a passion for energy-related areas of study.
- e. Be a person with integrity, leadership qualities and a high capacity for sustained hard work.

AWARD VALUE

Each scholarship will cover the cost of the following:

- a. Tuition fees, payable directly to the institution.
- b. **One (1)** direct economy class ticket to the country of study at the commencement of the course, and **one (1)** return ticket to Barbados on completion of the programme.
- c. Living allowance up to:
 - **\$6,300.00 BBD** per annum for students pursuing studies in the USA;
 - **\$5,880.00 BBD** per annum for students pursuing studies in Canada and;
 - **\$7,560.00 BBD** per annum for students pursuing studies in the United Kingdom.
- d. A warm clothing allowance at a maximum of **\$750.00 BBD** for persons studying in countries that experience cold temperatures during the winter period.

Candidates should be aware that the Energy Development Scholarship will be a contribution towards the total cost of study. Therefore, in those instances where the scholarship does not cover all the estimated expenses, candidates will be expected to satisfy the Ministry that they are able to secure the remaining funds from other sources.

AWARD CONDITIONS

Successful applicants will be required to enter a bond to return and work in Barbados on completion of the course, on the basis of one year for each year of the award.

Successful applicants will also be required to provide original or certified copies of all transcripts and certificates, as evidence of the successful completion of the course of study.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the office of the Ministry of Energy and Business or via its website, www.energy.gov.bb.

Completed hard copy forms must be submitted to the office of the Ministry of Energy and Business at Trinity Business Centre, Country Road, St. Michael, no later than the close of business on September 1, 2023. Persons who wish to submit digital applications may do so by email to energyinfo@barbados.gov.bb no later than 11:59 PM (AST), September 1, 2023.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Important Notes:

1. A refund or repayment of the scholarship award may be required if the terms and conditions of the scholarship and the bond are not adhered to.
2. Preferential consideration will be given to applicants who will be commencing their course of study during the 2023-2024 academic year.

2023-2024 APPLICATION TIMELINE

EVENT	DATE
Application Deadline	1 st September 2023
Review of Applications & Online Interviews	4 th - 8 th September 2023
Award of Scholarships	11 th – 15 th September 2023

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