

THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS



2025 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

JUNE 2025

1. ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

1.1 The Energy Development Scholarship was established by the Ministry of Energy and Business of the Government of Barbados to ensure that the relevant skills and expertise are available to guide the development of Barbados' energy sector.

1.2 This year's scholarship is funded by Woodside Energy, an international energy company that was granted effective licences in 2020 to explore Barbados' offshore acreage in search of hydrocarbons.

1.3 It is envisioned that the scholarship will contribute to the development of local expertise and knowledge by providing opportunities for aspiring Barbadians to pursue postgraduate programmes of study relating to energy development.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The applicant must:

- a. Be a citizen of Barbados.
- b. Be a person who has been accepted to complete postgraduate **master's** studies on a full-time basis, at an accredited international academic institution. The field of study must relate to the development of Barbados' energy sector. The prescribed areas include:
 - i. Utility-Scale Energy Storage
 - ii. Management of Utility Power Grids
 - iii. Geology & Geophysics
 - iv. Offshore Engineering
 - v. Offshore Energy

- vi. Health, Safety and Environment in the Energy Sector
 - vii. Energy Economics
 - viii. Energy Law
 - ix. Data Science in the Energy Sector
 - x. Energy Management
 - xi. Sustainable Energy Transition
 - xii. Electric Mobility and Green Transport
 - xiii. Energy Policy and Regulation
- c. Be a person of outstanding ability between the ages of 21 and 50 years old.
 - d. Be a person of high intellectual and academic achievement with a passion for developing the local energy sector.
 - e. Be a person of integrity, with demonstrated leadership qualities.

3. AWARD VALUE

3.1 Each scholarship will cover 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 economy class ticket to Barbados on completion of the programme.
- c. Living allowance up to:
 - **\$6,300.00 BBD** for students pursuing studies in the USA;
 - **\$5,880.00 BBD** for students pursuing studies in Canada and;

- **\$7,560.00 BBD** for students pursuing studies in the United Kingdom.

d. A warm clothing allowance of **\$750.00 BBD** for persons studying in countries that observe a defined winter period.

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

4. AWARD CONDITIONS

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

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

4.3 Incomplete and/or late applications will **not** be accepted.

4.4 A partial refund or full repayment of the scholarship award may be required if the terms and conditions of the scholarship and the bond are not adhered to.

4.5 Preferential consideration will be given to applicants who will be commencing their course of study during the 2025-2026 academic year.

5. 2025-2026 APPLICATION TIMELINE

5.1 Completed hard copy application forms must be delivered to the office of the Ministry of Energy and Business at Trinity Business Centre, Country Road, St. Michael, no later than 4:30pm on July 18th, 2025. Persons who wish to submit digital applications may do so by email to energyinfo@barbados.gov.bb no later than 11:59pm (AST), July 18th, 2025.

5.2 The Ministry will endeavour to maintain the following timelines:

Event	Dates
Application Period	June 23 rd – July 18 th 2025
Application Review & Shortlisting of Candidates	July 21 st – July 25 th 2025
Interviews of Shortlisted Applicants	July 28 th – July 31 st 2025
Selection of Successful Applicants	August 5 th – August 8 th 2025
Award of Scholarships	August 11 th – August 15 th 2025

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