

CCDB Scholarship Circular 2026

The **Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB)**, a leading national non-governmental organization (NGO) founded in 1973, is committed to creating a just and caring society. Recognizing climate change as a critical threat to communities, CCDB emphasizes the need for localized, research-driven solutions to strengthen climate resilience. The **Scholarship Program for Sustainable Climate Actions: Empower Future Leaders** is a transformative initiative of CCDB designed to strengthen the climate knowledge base and foster contextual solutions that contribute to building a climate-resilient society in Bangladesh.

The scholarship program employs a dual-pronged model: the expert-driven academic component builds scholarship holders' theoretical and research capabilities, while the community-engaged approach connects them in real-life contexts. This approach ensures that climate change solutions are both academically sound and practically viable. By combining these elements, the program will equip emerging scholars with the knowledge, skills, and community-based insights to advance sustainable and context-specific climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions within their communities and beyond.

Scholarship Benefits

- **Financial Support for Research:** Each scholarship recipient will receive **BDT 75,000-150,000** as direct financial assistance to conduct their approved research activities.
- **Capacity Building:** Scholarship recipients will participate in a one-week residential training program focusing on Climate Change and Research Methodology at the CCDB Climate Centre, Gazipur.
- **Community Engagement:** Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to engage directly with local communities, ensuring their research remains grounded in real-world challenges and contributes to inclusive, community-led solutions to climate change.
- **Mentorship:** Leading experts in the field of climate change will provide mentorship throughout the research period.
- **Conference Participation:** Opportunities to share findings at national and international conferences and network with global thought leaders.
- **Research Publication:** Scholarship holders will be supported to publish research in recognized journals and platforms.
- **Alumni Network:** Upon completion, scholars will join a vibrant alumni network, facilitating continued collaboration, peer support, and long-term engagement in climate and sustainability initiatives.
- **Recognition and Certification:** Recipients will receive an award certificate, a training certificate, and a **completion certificate** upon successful completion of the scholarship tenure.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Scholarship:

- Applicants must be enrolled in full-time **Master's (Thesis)** program in a public or private university in Bangladesh.
- Applicants are required to apply by submitting their **Master's thesis proposal**.
- Applicants receiving other scholarships/grants for the proposed proposal are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants should have a strong academic track record.
- Age 30 or below.
- The submitted research proposal must address climate change issues and sustainable development, with a clear focus on current need-based and solution-oriented outcomes for climate-vulnerable communities.
- Students from socially and economically disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to women, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and other marginalized communities.

Application Requirements

Applicants are invited to submit the following documents:

1. **Online Application:** Complete and submit the online application via Google Form.
2. **Personal Details:** Submit your personal information through the Applicant's details form ([Download here](#)).
3. **Research Proposal:** Submit the research proposal by providing a detailed outline of the Master's thesis proposal in accordance with the CCDB Research Proposal Template ([Download here](#)).
4. **Academic Transcript:** Submit academic transcripts (SSC, HSC, BSc/Honors, and completed Master's semester if any) compiled into a single PDF file.
5. **Statement of Purpose (SOP):** Applicants must submit a Statement of Purpose demonstrating their commitment to climate change and community resilience research and how the scholarship will support their academic and professional goals.
6. **Letter of Recommendation:** Submit a recommendation letter from the thesis supervisor.
7. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** A current CV with highlighting academic and relevant experience.
8. **NID:** A copy of the National Identity.

Selection Procedure

- **Call for Proposals:**
The application portal will remain open for four (4) weeks from the date of the official announcement.

- **Application Submission:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application form and submit all necessary documents within the specified deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will be automatically disqualified.

- **Proposal Assessment:**

Step 1: Initial Screening

All submitted applications will undergo an initial screening process to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the circular.

Step 2: Assessment of Research Proposal

The research proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to climate resilience and community development
- Clarity and strength of the research gap, aim and objectives
- Appropriateness of the methodology and time-bound work plan (1 year)
- Work plan and proposed budget
- Significance, potential impact, originality, and innovation
- Alignment with the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), Nationally Determined Contribution 3.0, Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) 2100, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Step 3: Oral Interview

- Based on the assessment result, shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview, where the applicants will be required to present their research proposal.
- The Viva Board will evaluate the candidates based on the quality of the research design, policy relevance, conceptual clarity, analytical ability, presentation skills, and performance during the question-and-answer session.

Step 4: Scholarship Award Announcement

Awarded candidates will receive an official scholarship notification and must confirm acceptance of the scholarship within the specified deadline.

Additional Information

- **Duration:** The scholarship recipients are required to complete their proposed research **by 31st May, 2027**. Failure to complete the research within this timeframe will result in disqualification.
- **Disbursement Structure:** The scholarship fund will be released in three separate installments.

- **First Installment (50%)** – Transferred upon submitting the final research proposal, research tools, and detailed research methodology.
- **Second Installment (30%)** – After the successful submission of the progress report.
- **Final Installment (20%)** – After submission of at least one paper from the thesis to a reputed peer-reviewed journal and getting the feedback from the journal editorial committee.

Research Thematic Areas & Topics

Applicants are required to choose a thematic area and research topic for proposal submission from the following options:

Thematic Area-1: Crops and Irrigation

- Crop vulnerability and management practices to extreme climate events
- Climate-resilient agronomic practices
- GHG emissions, management, and carbon trading in agriculture
- Cropping pattern under changing climate
- Irrigation water demand and management under changing climate
- Climate variability and trends in crop production
- Gender-responsive crop farming and/or irrigation management in response to climate change
- Climate resilient agro-processing value chains
- Climate-resilient homestead agricultural production system
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps, and finance for climate-resilient cropping systems

Thematic Area-2: Forestry

- Land use change effects in different landscapes, ecosystems and livelihoods
- Greenhouse gas emission reduction in forestry and agroforestry
- Carbon trading in forestry sector
- Agroforestry, Community forestry, social forestry and homestead production system in response to climate change
- Sustainable forest management for climate change
- Artificial intelligence, GIS and remote sensing for sustainable forest management
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for sustainable forest management

Thematic Area-3: Livestock

- Climate-resilient livestock practice
- Climate-smart feeding system for livestock

- Carbon footprint management in livestock
- Climate responsive waste-to-value system for livestock byproducts
- Climate-driven disease management in livestock
- Heat stress management for livestock and Energy efficiency
- Carbon trading for commercial livestock farming
- Climate-adaptive livestock housing solutions
- Gender and/or youth inclusion in adaptive livestock practices
- Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, and remote sensing for climate-smart livestock management
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for climate-resilient low-carbon livestock practices

Thematic Area-4: Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems

- Fish breeding of endangered and commercially valuable species under changing climate
- Community-based Adaptation (CBA) strategies for fisheries
- Fish migration patterns and fisheries productivity under climate change
- Climate change-induced changes in fisheries and/or marine biodiversity
- Climate-resilient fisheries/aquaculture
- Carbon sequestration potential of marine ecosystems
- Gender responsive and adaptive fish culture/management
- Heat stress management for fisheries and aquaculture
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for climate resilient fisheries

Thematic Area – 5: Local Institution & Climate Governance

- Sustainable practices and institutional resilience of Locally-led Organizations in climate vulnerable regions
- Governance, institutional adaptive capacities and financial sustainability of local government institutions (LGIs)
- Locally-based Institutions including CBOs¹ and LGIs² inclusive local level planning on climate resilience and climate financing

Thematic Area-6: Water Resource Management (WRM) and Nature-based Solutions (NbS)

- Mapping of climate induced waterlogged areas, surface and sub-surface drainage
- Wetland restoration and conservation

¹ Community-based organizations (CBOs)

² Local government institutions (LGIs)

- Groundwater extraction, and sustainable management in response to changing climate
- Climate adaptive Water treatment technologies
- Climate-induced water scarcity, hygiene and management
- Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in response to climate change impacts
- Gender responsive and adaptive water governance
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for water resource management (WRM) and/or Nature-based Solutions

Thematic Area-7: Renewable Energy

- Carbon offset potential of solar, hydro, wind and bioenergy
- Practice & feasibility of rooftop PV system
- Community renewable initiatives, economic model, entrepreneurship and impacts
- Renewable energy system for the river basins
- Renewable energy and/or green solution for home-based energy management
- Internet of things, artificial intelligence, GIS and remote sensing in renewable energy systems
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for renewable energy transitions

Thematic Area-8: Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

- Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)
- Coastal flooding and storm surge management
- Climate resilient infrastructure (flood, cyclone, river bank erosion etc.)
- Lightning risks and protection systems
- Impact-based forecasting and anticipatory actions
- Disaster preparedness and early warning system
- Gender and/or youth inclusion in disaster management
- Nature-based solution or green solution for DRM
- Existing policies, governance, effectiveness, gaps and finance for Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

Thematic Area-9: Public health and Human Well-being

- Climate change and vector- and/or waterborne diseases
- Climate change and foodborne disease: microbial contamination in food
- Malnutrition and climate variability
- Sustainable livelihood and food security practices in climate vulnerable communities
- Climate change, public health and gender
- Heat Stress and Occupational Health
- Climate resilient Health System and Infrastructure

Thematic Area-10: Urban resilience/Green cities

- Climate change, air quality, and human health
- City climate-resilient infrastructure
- Urban climate action plans
- Sustainable waste management and circular economy
- Climate adaptive Urban water resource management
- Nature-based solutions for urban areas
- Climate adaptive Urban agriculture
- Climate-resilient urban landscape planning and land management

Thematic Area-11: Gender and Intersectional vulnerabilities and Social Justice

- Economic Impacts of Climate Change on Gendered Livelihoods
- Climate Change, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
- Climate Induced Displacement, Migration, and Gendered Vulnerabilities
- Women's Leadership in Climate Governance
- Climate change and women's health (physical and mental)
- Digital Divide, Gender, and Climate Information Access
- Climate change and Gender Justice

Application Deadline: 09 April 2026

Applicant's Details form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12baoYU2nOKX7xuJkB3ZHudw_aFxuYlvl/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true

Research Proposal template:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UsXyYHF8Bfn-RUPIN0mu579sllOHgopu/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhFbfDo0TQ9xK_aWg-QXG01IVZzuwE7WCcB_PKnL7McvvAA/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Any attempts to influence the selection process will result in disqualification.

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