

## **Post-graduate research opportunity to work on Caribbean cleaner gobies at the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill (Barbados)**

The Caribaea Initiative, a non-profit organization seeking to support the development of tertiary education and research on animal biodiversity and wildlife management in the Caribbean, and the University of the West Indies (UWI) at Cave Hill (Barbados) are offering ONE full postgraduate scholarship for a 2-year Master of Philosophy at UWI Cave Hill. The successful candidate will work on a research project focusing on determinants of habitat use in cleaner gobies in the coral reefs of Barbados. The project is part of a collaboration with the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland). The scholarship will cover all University fees and the student's living costs as well as research costs for the two-year period. The deadline for applications is Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. The project is scheduled to start in January 2017.

Eligibility: The scholarship application process is limited to CARICOM nationals who have graduated within the last 5 years with a BSc (or equivalent) in ecology/biology (or related field) with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Candidates will have to demonstrate that they are proficient in English. The research will involve SCUBA diving and handling of small boats; experience in these areas is desirable, but not essential. However, candidates must know how to swim.

All applications should include:

- 1) three (3) copies of the UWI Postgraduate Scholarship form, two (2) referee reports;
- 2) a cover letter explaining long-term career goals and justifying need of financial support to conduct post-graduate studies;
- 3) a curriculum vitae;
- 4) a copy of University transcripts; and
- 5) proof of CARICOM citizenship.

Further documents might be required from shortlisted candidates.

UWI Postgraduate Scholarship and referee reports forms can be found at <http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/gradstudies/prospective-students/document-library.aspx>. Applicants must indicate in the Postgraduate Scholarship form that they are applying for the Caribaea Initiative Scholarship.

Complete applications should be sent to [gradstudies@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:gradstudies@cavehill.uwi.edu) no later than Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. Incomplete applications or applications failing to meet the deadline will not be considered.