

CCDB Scholarship Circular 2026 (3rd Cycle)

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** (Subject to the scope and requirements of the research) 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, Research Methodology and Ethics 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 currently enrolled in the **2nd semester of a full-time regular Master's (Thesis)** program at a recognized public or private university in Bangladesh.
- Applicants are required to apply by submitting their **Master's thesis proposal**.
- Applicants receiving other scholarships or grants for the proposed research proposal are discouraged 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. **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](#)).
3. **Research Budget:** Submit the research budget using the provided [budget template](#) and [Guideline](#).
4. **Proposal Approval Form:** ([Download here](#)).
5. **Academic Transcript:** Submit academic transcripts (SSC, HSC, BSc/Honors, and completed Master's semester if any) compiled into a single PDF file.
6. **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.
7. **Letter of Recommendation:** Submit a recommendation letter from the thesis supervisor.
8. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** A current CV highlighting academic and relevant experience.
9. **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 results, 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: Final Selection and Scholarship Award

Following the oral interview, shortlisted candidates will be invited for a one-to-one interview (Online/In-person) with the academic supervisor to finalize their research output. Based on the one-to-one interview and any necessary revisions, selected candidates will receive an official scholarship notification and must confirm their acceptance of the scholarship within the specified deadline.

Research Thematic Areas & Focus

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

Thematic Area	Research Focus
Climate-Smart/Adaptive Agriculture	Effectiveness and barriers of adaptation measures in agriculture (Crop, Irrigation, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Livestock, Fodder Practices, Roof Top Gardening)
Community Based Approaches and Practices	Agency, Social Empowerment-Advocacy, Networking, Cohesion, Voice, Action, Cooperation, Partnership; People's Organization-Models, Impact, Challenges
Migration	Displacement, Local-Urban Migration
Livelihood	Climate-Adaptive Livelihood Strategies, Good Practices, Economic Empowerment
Drinking Water	Effectiveness of Pond Sand Filter (PSF): Filtration Technologies Effectiveness and barriers of adaptation measures in drinking water
GHG Emission Reduction	Dairy waste/Poultry waste Management Practices
Business and Value Chain	Value Chain Development/Modeling (Vermi Compost, Biochar, Organic Fertilizer, Sunflower/Mustard Oil) Public Private Partnership/Private Sector Involvement: Approaches, Strategies, Opportunities and Challenges in Scaling Up Adaptive Technologies

Key Dates and Timeline

- **Call for Applications:** 01 October 2026
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 30 October 2026
- **Scholarship Award Announcement:** January 2027

Important links

Research Proposal template:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TyAA0Esw3yxvawpvj4g8h7r1ksJXZOyk/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true

Budget Template:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TXcZ4F7x2f7Elkz-0JSvLIM8jUajZAMs/edit?usp=drive link&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TXcZ4F7x2f7Elkz-0JSvLIM8jUajZAMs/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Guidelines for Budget:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sSSnDaRQnq-pcBUqWDF6ik9lrJU22DPu/view?usp=sharing>

Proposal Consent Form (Physical signature is required):

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QRXkm57zgFmXC9FBvweb6iMFw5b-8qIY/edit?usp=drive link&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QRXkm57zgFmXC9FBvweb6iMFw5b-8qIY/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103743527034740600117&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Application link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZR0YXU9KYyVRpPZpITfeT5dvQ2T6NNHGtHVTJmEHjIY/edit>

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

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