



CARIFORUM Legislative Drafting and International Trade Professional Development Postgraduate Microprogram Open Call

About the Legislative Drafting and International Trade PD Postgraduate Microprogram

The Legislative Drafting and International Trade Professional Development Postgraduate Microprogram is part of the Capacity Building in Legal Drafting Project that is financed by the European Union through the 11th EDF Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme and executed by ARCA Consortium on behalf of CARIFORUM, the Caribbean Forum of African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

This project seeks to build capacity in CARIFORUM States in the areas of **treaty and legislative drafting** through training and sponsorship of selected participants. Through this activity, **10 CARIFORUM nationals will be sponsored to complete a postgraduate microprogram with the University of Ottawa through online means.**

The project also intends to develop a better understanding among beneficiaries of the provisions of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to facilitate a more effective implementation of the EPA, a comprehensive trade and development agreement between 15 CARIFORUM States and the European Union and its Member States that covers trade in services and investment, trade in goods, competition, innovation and intellectual property, transparency in government procurement and cooperation.

Overview of the Programme

Important facts

COST	Sponsored (value: 250.000 €, 25.000 € per participant)
DURATION	8 months (September 2023 – April 2024)
MODALITY	On-line & remote

Syllabus of the Programme

This online microprogram designed by the **University of Ottawa** is structured in an online format that allows students to study independently in an **accessible** and **flexible** way.

There are a total of **2 courses** including the following topics:

COURSE 1: International Trade Agreements and their Implementation (39 hours)

1. The implementation of international trade obligations





2. The multilateral trade system
3. Regional trade agreements and the CARIFORUM- EU EPA
4. Tariffs, customs, and market access
5. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade
6. Trade remedies (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy, and safeguard measures)
7. Trade in services and investment
8. Intellectual property rights
9. Competition and technology transfer
10. Government procurement
11. Sustainable development and non-economic objectives
12. Dispute resolution mechanisms and Joint Institutions

COURSE 2: Legislative Drafting (36 hours)

1. Functions of legislation and drafting challenges (creating and communicating law)
2. Linguistic context (English language and linguistic analysis) and Legal context (constitutional law, international law, interpretation legislation and private law)
3. Interpreting and applying legislation
4. Structure, format and organization of legislation
5. Drafting legislative sentences (including paragraphing, punctuation and avoiding syntactic ambiguity)
6. Choosing words (precision / generality; ordinary, legal and technical language)
7. Drafting standard provisions (dealing with titles, interpretation, including definitions, commencement, purposes)
8. Developing and Drafting Delegated Legislation
9. Establishing administrative and adjudicative bodies and delegating authority (including legislative authority and enabling provisions)
10. Enforcement provisions
11. Amending legislation and transitional provisions
12. Drafting bijural legislation (common law and civil law)
13. Impact of implementation on legal systems (common law and civil law)

Both courses will be offered through **ZOOM Live Sessions** via the University of Ottawa's online platform and delivered by the professors. Each course will have a **3-credit equivalency** recognized by the Faculty of Law for a total of 6 credits.





Evaluation

- Course 1: Participants will be required to produce and submit a series of mid-term written assignments throughout both Courses and a final written assignment consisting of multiple essay-type questions.
- Course 2: Participants will be evaluated primarily based on three drafting assignments during the course, as they follow:
 - One exercise on drafting legislative texts generally. Worth 25% of the final grade.
 - One exercise on drafting particular provisions. Worth 25% of the final grade.
 - One drafting project. Worth 40% of the final grade.
 - Final tests. Worth 10% of the final grade.

Certification

Upon successful completion of the PD microprogram, participants will be awarded an official certificate issued by the University of Ottawa.

Entry requirements

This sponsorship is open to residents of CARIFORUM Member States working in the context of the EPA and in legal drafting in the **public and private sector**. A total of **10 students** will gain admission to the programme. This number will be gender balanced.

Participants must fulfil the following **minimum requirements** and **submit proof** of their compliance **in order to apply** to the Programme:

- **Nationality:** Only CARIFORUM nationals will be eligible.
- **Education:** Candidates will have a Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
- **English knowledge:** Only fluent candidates will be selected. Non-native English speakers will be required to prove through different means their English competencies. Applicants from English speaking CARIFORUM countries will be exempt from proving their language proficiency.

Applicants who do not meet these minimum requirements will not be considered for the Postgraduate Sponsorship.

How to apply

Applications must also include the following **documentation and proof of compliance** with admission requirements:

- Copy of the applicant's passport bio-data page.
- Copy of Bachelor of Laws Degree
- Curricula vitae

*Non-English native speakers must also submit an English language certificate. In the absence of such a certificate, such applicants may be contacted and required to prove their language competencies through other means.





Applications should be sent to both: applicationspostgraduate@arcaconsortium.net
and admin.epaunit@caricom.org

The deadline for submission of applications is [*from Monday, May 22nd, 2023 at 00.00 Guyana time (GMT-4) to Monday, June 19th, 2023 at 23.50 PM Guyana time (GMT-4) there will be a 29 day application window*]

Selection criteria and award publication

An **evaluation committee** will select candidates from those who meet the minimum selection requirements and submit the required documents. The evaluation committee will consider the CVs of candidates in addition to criteria related to the candidates' experience and current employment position.

In addition, the selection of participants will be based on the following quotas:

- **Gender quota:** At least 50% of positions will be reserved for women.
- **Sector quota:** Private sector candidates will have up to a maximum 40% of representation.

Only successful applicants will be contacted via e-mail. Selected candidates will be required to sign a commitment letter prior to enrolling in the microprogram with the University of Ottawa.

