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One of the goals of the company's international foundations is the promotion and sharing of knowledge

IBERDROLA announces new Master's scholarships and research grants

- **The company is awarding research grants in Spain and scholarships for Master's degrees in energy and environment in Spain and the UK, as well as in U.S.**
- **This year IBERDROLA will be allocating €3.4 million to the Scholarship Programme to students with Spanish, British, U.S., Mexican and Brazilian nationalities**

IBERDROLA has launched a new call for applications for scholarships and research grants for the 2016-2017 academic year, with the goal of promoting excellence in training the upcoming generations.

This edition of the IBERDROLA Scholarships organised by the company's various international foundations includes grants to conduct research in Spain and scholarships to complete Master's degrees in energy and environment in Spain and the UK, as well as the open call to pursue studies in the United States.

The company plans to award over 130 scholarships this year to students with Spanish, British, U.S., Mexican and Brazilian nationalities. The scheme will be allocated a total of €3.4 million. Ever since this scheme was set up in 2010, the number of scholarships has increased by over 300%, i.e. the grants have trebled.

Via this initiative, IBERDROLA wishes to contribute towards excellence in training in the field of energy, with a particular focus on the development of renewable energies and boosting biodiversity, as well as the efficiency of the energy system.



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The enrolment process for this new call for applications opens today and will remain open until 29 March next. Those wishing to be considered can read about all the conditions and fill out the application form on the [Fundación Iberdrola España](#) website or those of the group's other [international foundations](#).

→ Scholarships for Master's Studies in Energy and Environment in Spain

Via its various international foundations, IBERDROLA plans to award 42 new scholarships for the completion of Master's degree studies in Spain during the 2016-2017 academic year. These grants are intended for students with Spanish, British, U.S., Mexican and Brazilian nationalities.

Recipients should focus their training in areas linked to renewable energies, sustainable energy systems, environment, clean carbon technologies, emissions management, energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, smart distribution grids, information and communication technologies (ICT), big data or cybersecurity.

These scholarships are open to degree-holders, graduates and finalists. Those that are selected will receive a grant worth €10,800 to cover accommodation and transport costs, in addition to their tuition costs.

As well as academic grades and language skills, other factors that will be taken into account when selecting the candidates are applying to complete a programme of studies in a different university to where they have completed their undergraduate degree and in a country, autonomous region or province that is different to the candidate's usual place of residence, as this promotes the sharing of knowledge.

→ Scholarships for Master's Studies in Energy and Environment in the UK

As part of its Scholarships Programme, IBERDROLA is also offering a total of 24 scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom.



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Applicants can choose between seven prestigious British institutions: Imperial College of London, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Strathclyde, the University of Liverpool and the University of Glasgow, as well as the University of East Anglia and the University of Cambridge, which were added to the list this year.

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to degree-holders, graduates and students in their final year of an undergraduate degree, who are in possession of Spanish, British, U.S. or Brazilian nationality and who have applied to complete a Master's degree in the area of energy and environment at one of the universities listed above. The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and an additional grant worth €18,960 will be awarded to cover transport and accommodation expenses.

→ Grants to complete research in Energy and Environment in Spain

By awarding these grants, IBERDROLA seeks to promote research in areas linked to energy and environmental sustainability. In this new call for applications, the group will be backing up to 20 projects to be carried out at centres of research or universities located in Spain.

Applicants will have to be assessed by the team and by the centre where the research is to be conducted. Each grant will be worth a maximum of €20,000 per project and last for one year.

This initiative is also based on IBERDROLA's commitment to strengthening ties between private enterprise and the research community, as well as its support for technological development with a view to transforming the energy model.

Support for a new highly skilled generation

As part of its commitment to the territories where it has operations, IBERDROLA supports the creation and sharing of knowledge in order to help train a generation of highly-skilled professionals to face up to the challenges that lie ahead, including the development of a sustainable energy model.



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There is now also an open call for applications for scholarships to pursue Master's level studies in the fields of energy and environment in the United States. In this case, eligibility is limited to students with undergraduate degrees that are in possession of Spanish or U.S. Nationality and the Master's studies may be completed at the University of Rochester, the University of Maine, Binghamton University, Oregon State University, the Rochester Institute of Technology or the University of Connecticut during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Candidates will be able to read all the information and requirements that apply to the call, as well as fill in the online application form on the [Fundación Iberdrola España](#) or [AVANGRID Foundation](#) websites by 26 February.

Iberdrola-Fulbright and Fundación Carolina scholarships

As well as the above calls for applications, the Scholarship Programme also allows for collaboration with other institutions in the area of energy and environment. For example, the Fulbright Commission has once again announced the Iberdrola-Fulbright scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year as part of its international academic offering. Students wishing to apply can read about all the conditions that apply to the call and submit their applications via the www.fulbright.es website before 14 March next.

Again with the support of IBERDROLA, the Fundación Carolina will be granting nine scholarships for Master's level studies in areas linked to energy and environment at Spanish universities. In this case, eligibility is extended to include students from any Ibero-American country. Those wishing to apply can read about all the conditions that apply to the call and submit their applications via the www.fundacioncarolina.es website by 6 March.

The Scholarships Programme also includes grants to complete training and research at the Prado Museum in Madrid and the Museum of Fine Arts in Bilbao. These will enable future experts to complete their training at the highest possible level by taking part in the conservation and restoration schemes run by these institutions.



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IBERDROLA supports society

The IBERDROLA Scholarships Programme, which the company runs on a yearly basis, is one of the flagship projects carried out by the group via its international foundations. Over 500 young people of various nationalities have already benefited from this scheme.

In the case of Spain, the Foundation is also active in three other main areas: social grants, biodiversity and art & culture. In the first of these, the Fundación Iberdrola España holds an annual call for applications for social grants. So far, some 267 projects have benefited and the total investment amounts to €5.4 million.

In the field of biodiversity, the leading projects are the Bird Migration Programme (www.migraciondeaves.org). Finally, in the area of historic-artistic heritage conservation, it runs important projects such as the Atlantic Romanesque Plan (www.romanicoatlantico.org) and the programme to light up unique buildings, such as the Lighting the Prado project carried out at the Prado Museum in Madrid.



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