

3rd NACLICS PhD Academy 2026

"Modeling Tomorrow: Innovation for Sustainable Development"

We are calling for doctoral and postdoctoral applicants to the 3rd multidisciplinary International PhD Academy on Innovation, Development & Policy, organized by NACLICS - The North America and Caribbean Chapter of GLOBELICS, and hosted by The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill in Barbados. The PhD Academy addresses topics on innovation, development, and policy from a multidisciplinary perspective, and is relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The event will be held at The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill in Barbados, from June 22-26, 2026, and will build on the following areas:

Research areas

Topics related to areas under the Sustainable Development Goals, innovation, and development

Systems of innovation and contributions to technological capability building for innovation

Enterprises, investment and innovation for sustainable development

Science, technology, and innovation policy

Transitions to digitalization, sustainability, and emergency recovery

The Academy will bring together leading practitioners and academics to lead the sessions across multiple practical and theoretical areas. The Academy will include the following activities:

- Lectures and mentoring from leading practitioners and scholars.
- Panels featuring experts in policymaking, academia, and industry.
- Expert faculty feedback on one working paper for each participant.
- Professional development sessions.
- Field trips.
- A hackathon on innovation for sustainable development.

Advanced Ph.D. students and postdoctoral researchers within three years of the award of their PhDs are eligible. *Applications should include:*

- i. a letter of interest that clearly indicates the topic of research, and interest to participate in the Academy.
- ii. a curriculum vitae.
- iii. a nomination letter from an academic reference.
- iv. an extended abstract or full working paper.

Deadline extended for Caribbean Nationals!! Applications will close on March 6, 2026. Applications must be submitted via the following QR or link:

https://smuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMhgTVHXJk2zdp

