

**The IBERDROLA USA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Call for Energy and Environment Postgraduate Studies
in the United States.**

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1. Introduction

IBERDROLA wishes to reinforce its contribution to improving the quality of life of the people in territories and countries in which it operates, and with this aim carries out a social project through The Iberdrola USA Foundation that intends to efficiently respond to fundamental social demands, making use of the business strengths and capabilities of IBERDROLA.

To this end, Iberdrola USA Foundation presents A Call of Scholarships for Master of Science Studies in Energy and the Environment in the USA, in order to contribute to excellence in training in the energy field, with special emphasis on renewable energy, the protection of the environment, as well as the efficiency of the energy system.

2. Announcement

Iberdrola USA Foundation announces new scholarships for the Fall 2016-2017 academic year for postgraduate studies in US universities in the following areas of knowledge:

- Renewable energy
- Sustainable energy system
- Environment and biodiversity
- Clean combustion technologies, emissions management
- Energy efficiency
- Energy storage
- Electric vehicle
- Smart distribution networks
- Information and Communication technology (ICT)
- Cyber Security and Data Science
- Wind power technology
- Meteorology

The announcement period opens on the day of its publication and ends at **8:00AM (Eastern Standard Time) on February 26th, 2016.**

The scholarships are intended for the following universities in the United States:

1. Binghamton University
2. Oregon State University
3. Rochester Institute of Technology
4. University of Connecticut
5. University of Maine
6. University of Rochester

3. Applicant requirements

- The scholarships from Iberdrola USA Foundation are intended for students of U.S. nationality.
- Applicants must be in possession of a bachelor or master's degree from a recognized university on submission of the application. If the applicant is still in the final year of the academic course 2015-2016, the grant will be contingent upon whether the applicant secures the university degree at the end of the academic cycle in June/July 2016 with the same average grades or greater than the grades at the time of the call for applications.
- Applicants must follow the usual procedure for enrolling at the university they wish to attend. Applications submitted by students who have not applied for enrolment at the university will be rejected during the selection process.
- Applicants may not receive any remuneration or wages or be in receipt of any scholarship, financial aid or other award of a similar nature from institutions and public and private foundations during the period of the scholarship award.
- Applications presented by candidates with a grade point average (GPA) during the pursuit of the degree lower than 3.5 for universities in the USA will be rejected.

4. Documentation

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the interested party must fill in and send the electronic application form¹ before **8:00AM (Easter Standard Time) on February 26th, 2016**, including the following documentation which should be named with the number of document followed by the surname of the applicant:

- Document 1. Photocopy of the **national identity card or passport**.
- Document 2. **CV**, with a recent photo of the applicant.
- Document 3. If university studies have been completed, a **photocopy of the certificate or a receipt proving that the certificate has been requested**, as well as a photocopy of other qualifications obtained by the applicant.

¹ The electronic questionnaire can be found on the Fundación IBERDROLA website <http://www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org>, in the Training and Research Area.

- Document 4. For those students who hold a university degree, a photocopy of the certificates for university studies completed, detailing all the **subjects and grades obtained** each year. Final year students may submit an official listing of the subjects studied and the grades obtained so far. If the applicant has studied in a first or second cycle for another degree, both certificates should be submitted.
- Document 5. **Two original reference letters** from university professors or other relevant people who have maintained academic contact with the applicant. In those cases where the applicant has been employed for several years, one of the reference letters may be from his/her immediate supervisor.
- Document 6. A certificate for all of the languages specified in the form.
- Document 7. **Contract or employment** record accounting for the applicant's professional experience, if any.
- Document 8. Certificate accrediting the **awards and grants** specified in the form. Only awards and grants from the beginning of college will be considered.
- Document 9. Certification accrediting **enrolment application or final Admission** to a University for the 2016-2017 Fall Term.

The above are the minimum certifications required for accepting an application in the selection process for this scholarship announcement.

If the applicant is shortlisted, Iberdrola USA Foundation may call for the original or duly certified copy of the documents and any other document that it may deem to be necessary.

The maximum size permitted per document is 3 MB.

5. Selection process

Shortlist

The selection process will include an initial shortlist of candidates, taking into account academic qualifications, their CV, the interest of their project of studies and reference letters.

Iberdrola USA Foundation will especially take into account applications that provide the accredited **certificate of final admission** to any of the universities for the Fall Term of the academic year 2016-2017.

Iberdrola USA Foundation will request confirmation of admission by the corresponding university for the selected course 2016-2017. Applications which have been rejected by the University for the Selected Programme will not be taken into consideration in the scholarship award process.

Personal interview

If the shortlisting process is passed, the Iberdrola USA Foundation may arrange a personal or telephone interview with the candidate in order to assess his/her personal conditions, education and motivation.

6. Candidate nomination

Once the interviews have been conducted, the selection committee will propose the list of selected candidates. Iberdrola USA Foundation will take the final decision on the candidates finally accepted. The Iberdrola USA Foundation will notify the applicants selected by **March 31th, 2016**. The final list of candidates and a list of substitutes will be published on **June 15th, 2016** in the Training and Research activity section of the IBERDROLA USA Foundation website:

www.iberdrolausa.com/AboutIberdrolaUSA/iusafoundation.html.

The list of candidates approved by Iberdrola USA Foundation is final. The Iberdrola USA Foundation will not provide information on the applicants who have not been selected .

The final nomination of candidates is subject to the following conditions being met:

- Send a signed **Acceptance Letter** dated at the most five days after notification of acceptance postal address:

The Iberdrola USA Foundation, Inc.
Darlene E. Beach, Treasurer
52 Farm View Drive
New Gloucester, Maine 04210

Independently of its submission to the aforementioned postal address, a scanned copy of the signed Acceptance Letter must be sent in advance to: darlene.beach@iberdrolausa.com

The text of the Acceptance Letter will be provided to the beneficiaries by email on the date on which the final selection of candidates is made public.

- Submission to Iberdrola USA Foundation before **April 1, 2016**, of certification of final admission to study at the chosen university. If an applicant is not admitted, they will lose their opportunity for a scholarship.

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- Submission by final-year students of the official certification showing that they have obtained the corresponding degree. If an applicant does not complete the studies, they will lose their opportunity for a scholarship.

7. Financial contribution

The scholarship will cover the following:

- Enrolment at the university in the United States, with no limit.
- \$25,200 a year to cover per diem and material expenses. This amount will be paid in \$2,100 monthly installments.

Payment of the monthly allowance will begin in September 2015 and end on August 2016.

The Scholarship will have a maximum duration of one calendar year from the beginning of the studies program. In exceptional cases, the Scholarship may be extended for an additional year, subject to a new application. The terms and conditions shall be those stipulated in the new announcement for the following year.

8. Scholarship management

The Scholarship recipient must fulfill the following obligations:

- At the request of Iberdrola USA Foundation, the candidate must prove, with originals or certified copies of the documents, the necessary information for the selection process sent as either photocopies or electronic files. Furthermore, Iberdrola USA Foundation may ask for certification of any data mentioned in the candidate's CV.
- In the event that IBERDROLA organizes a scholarship award ceremony to personally provide the scholarships on a day and at a place notified to each scholarship recipient and they cannot receive the scholarship, he/she must notify the Iberdrola USA Foundation. A representative may be named.
- Iberdrola USA Foundation will arrange for and pay for travel expenses to the ceremony for scholarship recipients.
- Carry out the planned studies according to the submitted application.
- Upon completion of the studies, the scholarship recipient must answer a questionnaire provided by the Foundation and send the results of the completed studies.
- The Scholarship recipients must inform Iberdrola USA Foundation of their place of residence immediately after their arrival at the university. Furthermore, they must inform of any change of address or email over the period of time that the scholarship is awarded.

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- During the academic year, Iberdrola USA Foundation may request follow up information from the scholarship holder so as to confirm that the master studies are in order. On conclusion of the studies, the scholarship holder must send the results of the studies together with a completed questionnaire provided by Iberdrola USA Foundation.
 - If any work resulting from the studies is published, the author must state his/her status as a scholarship recipient of Iberdrola USA Foundation.
 - If the Scholarship recipient does not fulfill those obligations –or any other obligation included in the scholarship's conditions– Iberdrola USA Foundation reserves the right to act as it deems appropriate, including requesting the university to demand a refund of any such monies paid out. In particular, if the scholarship holder fails to finish the program, the full amount of monthly payments and other economic concepts received as of the date must be returned to the university. If this event has occurred after the seventh month, Iberdrola USA Foundation reserves the right to analyze the corresponding application and can request that the university modify the amount that the scholarship holder must reimburse.

9. Other conditions

In accordance with Article 5 of the Personal Data Protection Act 15/1999, we inform you of the following:

- a) All personal details obtained in the grant application and in the enclosed documentation provided along with the application, as well as the images taken in the award ceremony, will be added to a file owned by Iberdrola USA Foundation and Fundación IBERDROLA España, at their registered offices. .
- b) Iberdrola USA Foundation and Fundación IBERDROLA España will only include the information that has been submitted voluntarily by the holder of such information and that is considered necessary for the candidate selection process.
- c) Said information will be dealt with to determine the suitability of the candidate and to perform the selection process for possible awarding of the Scholarships.

The owner of the application information and of the annexed documentation gives his/her consent for this information to be dealt with in the aforementioned conditions, and the international transfer of data, and for it to be yielded to any of the subsidiary companies of IBERDROLA USA or foundations through which Iberdrola USA Foundation performs its selection of candidates.

The owner of the information may exercise at no cost the right to access, modify, cancel or any other right recognized by current legislation regarding his or her personal data, in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act (Act 15/1999) and any other regulations that develop

the contents of said Act. To do so, the candidate must send a request in writing to the Treasurer of Iberdrola USA Foundation 52 Farm View Drive New Gloucester, Maine 04210 and the file officer of Fundación IBERDROLA España (Ref. LOPD), C/ Arequipa, 1-4ª, Madrid 28043 - indicating "Personal Data Protection" and include a copy of his/her identity card or passport. The documentation provided by the Scholarship candidate to Iberdrola USA Foundation and Fundación IBERDROLA España will be archived under conditions of confidentiality.