

## **Press Release**

## **Central Bank of Barbados Launches its 2023 Summer Internship Programme** The Central Bank of Barbados has launched its 2023 summer internship programme for tertiary level students.

Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the three-month internship offers aspiring young professionals the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience, develop essential skills, and kick-start their careers.

"We are excited to welcome a talented cohort of 15 interns to our organisation for the June to August period," said Novaline Brewster, Chief of Corporate Communications at the Bank. "Our internship programme is designed to empower young individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in the business arena. We believe in investing in the next generation and providing them with the resources and mentorship to excel."

Selected from a competitive pool of applicants, the interns will work in departments related to their fields of study, collaborating on real-world projects and contributing their unique perspectives. Throughout the programme, they will have the opportunity to participate in training sessions, workshops, and networking events.

Austin Bell, a final-year Economics and Finance student at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, who will be working in the Bank's Research and Economic Analysis Department, is excited about gaining on-the-job experience. "This internship presents me, as a relative rookie in the field of economics, with the opportunity to learn from some of the best and brightest economists in the Caribbean. I hope to utilise this internship to further develop within the field and to improve on the requisite skills required of a proficient and impactful economist."

Brewster confirmed that the Bank's internship programme aims to provide the kind of guidance Bell is seeking. "We are committed to achieving and maintaining an institution of world-class excellence while creating a supportive work environment. The internship reflects our commitment to nurturing emerging talent, which will redound to the benefit of Barbados and the entire Caribbean region."

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