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(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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#### **1. Introduction**

The most recent progress report of the IPCC Scholarship Programme was presented to the Panel at its 63rd Session (Lima, Peru, 27–30 October 2025). The present report outlines the activities undertaken and progress achieved under the Scholarship Programme since October 2025.

#### **2. Status of Resources**

When the report on the IPCC Scholarship Programme was presented to the Panel at the Sixty-third Session of the IPCC, no financial contributions had been received in 2025. Governments expressed concern regarding the absence of new funding, particularly given the consistently high demand for scholarships. Delegates underscored the need for urgent action to strengthen resource mobilization efforts in order to sustain and expand the Programme, with particular emphasis on supporting scholars from developing countries. Such support was highlighted as essential for broadening the pool of experts qualified to serve as IPCC authors and expert reviewers, as well as for addressing existing regional imbalances.

It was suggested that the IPCC leadership, including the IPCC Chair, could play a role in supporting fundraising efforts for the Scholarship Programme, drawing on approaches similar to those used to mobilize resources for Chapter Scientists under the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities (SRCities) and the Working Groups' contributions to the Seventh Assessment Reports (AR7). These efforts could be undertaken independently and in parallel with the work of the Board of Trustees (BOT), who informed the Panel, through their Chair, that a plan of action to mobilize additional resources had been developed. According to the BOT Chair, initial funds resulting from this plan are expected to become available from early 2026.

On 19 December 2025, a voluntary contribution of approximately CHF 2,330 was received from Dr. Virginia Burkett, who served as Chief Scientist for Climate and Land Use Change at the United States Geological Survey and Chair of the United States Global Change Research Program, following her receipt of the 2025 John Maddox Nature Award.

As of 31 January 2026, the balance of the IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund stood at CHF 1,721,179 (One million seven hundred and twenty-one thousand, one hundred and seventy-nine Swiss Francs). A detailed statement of income and expenditure from the inception of the Programme is provided in Annex 1 of this document.

#### **3. Scholarship Awards**

Since the First Round of Awards (2011–2013), the IPCC Scholarship Programme has awarded scholarships on a biennial basis. These two-year award cycles have been made possible through the generous support of the Programme's two principal funding partners: the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Cuomo Foundation. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has supported the Programme since the First Round of Awards, while the Cuomo Foundation commenced its support with the Second Round (2013–2015).

Both funding partners have confirmed their continued support for the IPCC Scholarship Programme through 2027.

### 3.1 Seventh Round of Scholarship Awards (2023 – 2025)

The contracts of 24 scholars awarded scholarships in 2023 expired on 31 October 2025. Final reports were received from 21 scholars, while three reports remain outstanding.

### 3.2 Eighth Round of Scholarship Awards (2025 – 2027)

#### Application process

A call for applications was launched by the Secretariat on 19 March 2025. Details regarding the total number of complete applications that met the eligibility criteria, as well as the inter- and intra-regional distribution of applicants, were presented in document [IPCC-LXIII/INF. 7, Rev. 1](#).

#### Selection Process

As a matter of procedure, the selection process comprised several iterative steps. First, based on the review reports received from the expert reviewers, a total of 98 applicants were awarded scores of A (Very Good) or A+ (Excellent). From this group, 41 applicants were shortlisted by the Secretariat in consultation with the IPCC Scholarship Programme Science Board. This Board is chaired by Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair, and comprises the IPCC Chair and the other two IPCC Vice-Chairs. The shortlisted candidates were subsequently submitted to the funding partners for selection.

The Cuomo Foundation selected four applicants for funding. The selected scholars were vetted by the IPCC Secretariat and all were found to be eligible and legitimate, with the information provided in their applications confirmed to be accurate. The scholars were formally notified of their selection, and their contracts are currently being finalized.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation provisionally selected ten scholars, while deferring final confirmation of their selection until early 2026. During the vetting process, it was determined that two of the provisionally selected candidates had provided false information in their application forms and were therefore disqualified. The Foundation subsequently selected two replacement candidates, who were found to be eligible and legitimate. Pending final confirmation by the Foundation's Governing Board, the selected scholars have not yet been formally notified, and the near-final list of scholars will not be made public, as it remains subject to change.

Subsequently, the Science Board was requested to select four additional scholars from among the remaining shortlisted candidates to be funded directly from the IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund. The four selected scholars were duly notified, and all accepted the scholarships. At the time of submission of the present report, the four agreements required to initiate the disbursement of funds had been finalized. The disbursement of funds to the awarded scholars commenced in February 2026.

#### Selected Scholars

The scholars selected for funding from the IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund are listed in the table below.

Name	Gender	Citizenship	Hosting Institution
Silia BANANI	F	Tonga	University of the South Pacific Fiji
Daniella GUERRERO RUBELLO	F	Mexico	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro Brazil
Baptista JOAO BOANHA	M	Mozambique	Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul Brazil
Rizmoon ZULKARNAEN	M	Indonesia	University Brunei Darussalam Brunei Darussalam

The scholars selected for funding by the Cuomo Foundation are listed in the table below.

Name	Gender	Citizenship	Hosting Institution
Mehrnaz HAGHDADI	F	Iran	University of Delaware United States of America
Paul Andres JIMENEZ JIMENEZ	M	Ecuador	Federal University of Lavras Brazil
Aman K C	M	Nepal	Boise State University United States of America
Bhuwan SHAH	M	Nepal	Iowa State University United States of America

## 4. Partnerships

### 4.1 Co-funding with the University of Oxford

The co-funding by the IPCC of two studentships, in partnership with the Doctoral Training Partnership in Environmental Research at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, will continue through 2026. The IPCC is expected to disburse the final payment, amounting to approximately GBP 30,275, in April 2026.

### 4.2 The World Academy of Sciences

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), in partnership with the IPCC, is organizing a Joint Climate Science Network, Mentorship, and Capacity Growth Workshop to be held in Trieste, Italy, from 5 to 7 May 2026. The workshop will be hosted by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and supported through funding from the [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#).

Early-career scientists from developing countries will be invited to participate, with a majority drawn from previous beneficiaries of the IPCC Scholarship Programme. While the workshop agenda is still under development, it is expected to include several presentations explaining IPCC processes and outlining available opportunities to engage in activities under the AR7. The overarching objective of the workshop is to facilitate the meaningful integration of early-career scientists into IPCC work.

## 5. Expected Outcome

The Panel is invited to take note of the progress report and to provide comments and guidance, as appropriate.



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**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**  
**IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund**  
**Interim Statement of Income and Expenditure**  
**(from inception to 31 January 2026)**

(Amounts in Swiss Francs)

1. Contributions		
1.1 Nobelstiftelsen, Sweden, (9 January 2008)	884,927	
1.2 Calouste Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2022 (29 December 2022)	492,761	
1.3 AXA SA, France (30 September 2021)	205,948	
1.4 Dickinson College, United States (13 May 2022)	97,842	
1.5 The Norwegian Environment Agency (17 December 2024)	85,961	
1.6 Tallberg Foundation, Sweden (1 September 2009)	74,479	
1.7 Chen Fa Qing, China (9 November 2010)	39,360	
1.8 Government of Germany (24 October 2024)	28,129	
1.9 Aster Finance SARL, Switzerland (23 November 2010)	20,000	
1.10 Hoesung Lee and Sungna Chung, Republic of Korea (15 January 2014)	8,968	
1.11 Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Belgium (25 June 2019)	5,446	
1.12 MCG Belgium SA (16 February 2011)	5,134	
1.13 Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Belgium (14 July 2023)	4,823	
1.14 Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Belgium (16 May 2024)	3,909	
1.15 CEFIC Ass. Intern, Belgium (26 August 2013)	3,084	
1.16 Aimes & Co, Belgium (27 January 2014)	1,835	
1.17 Springer Nature, United Kingdom (19 December 2025)	2,330	
1.18 Total contributions		1,964,935
2. Interest income		90,706
3. Total Income		<u>2,055,641</u>
4. Expenditure		
4.1 Direct expenditure		
4.1.1 Fellowships		
4.1.1.1 AXA-IPCC Scholarship Programme	111,800	
4.1.1.2 Grant to Jamiat Nanteza	36,867	
4.1.1.3 Grant to Vandhana Devi Kumar	34,080	
4.1.1.4 Grant to Rondrotiana Barimalala	18,618	
4.1.1.5 Grant to Sudeep Thakuri	18,263	
4.1.1.6 Project Agreement with GTRC for IPCC	9,457	
4.1.1.7 Grant to Mamadou Ossénatou	7,772	
4.1.1.8 Total Fellowship expenditures	<u>236,857</u>	
4.1.2 Fellowships - University of Oxford		
4.1.2.1 First annual instalment in support of the IPCC Scholarship Programme	28,452	
4.1.2.2 Second annual instalment in support of the IPCC Scholarship Programme	30,740	
4.1.2.3 DTP scholar Zoe Brown	31,622	
4.1.2.4 Total University of Oxford expenditures	<u>90,813</u>	
4.1.3 Other expenditure	1,872	
4.1.4 Travel of Brenda Abrar-Milani	333	
4.1.5 Total direct expenditure		329,875
4.2 Indirect expenditure		
4.2.1 Unrealized loss on exchange	3,424	
4.2.2 Bank charges	1,164	
4.2.3 Total indirect expenditure	<u>4,588</u>	
4.3 Total expenditure		<u>334,463</u>
<b>5. Balance at 31 January 2026</b>		<b><u>1,721,179</u></b>