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## **Seventy-three Interns Energize CIBC Caribbean For The Summer**

**Bridgetown, Barbados, June 21, 2024** – The branches and offices of regional bank CIBC Caribbean have come alive with youthful energy as the bank welcomed 73 interns as part of its annual summer internship programme.

The students, drawn primarily from regional colleges and universities as well as those attending or accepted to colleges in the United States and Canada, will spend the next three months immersed in all aspects of the bank's operations in Antigua, Barbados, The Bahamas, The Cayman Islands, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, Turks and Caicos Islands and Trinidad and Tobago.

The internship programme which commenced on June 3 and will conclude on August 31, 2024, has students spread across departments and units in the bank such as Finance, Audit, Human Resources, Property Services, Personal and Business Banking, Technology, Infrastructure and Innovation and Corporate Banking.

"CIBC is thrilled to offer our Summer Internship Program to over 70 students this year. This initiative is a cornerstone in our suite of Early Career Programmes that support the development of talented young professionals. It truly is a testament to the quality of talent that exists across the region," said Jewel Clarke, the bank's Director, Talent Management and Employee Experience.

She said the bank's "investment in our young professionals helps to support their development, provide meaningful experiences, and build skillsets that they can use in the future. The programme is intentionally designed to enrich their experience with exposure to senior leaders and networking opportunities".

Clarke added that each year the bank also "welcomes returning interns whose trajectory to join the organization is very promising. Whether they join CIBC or contribute to another employer in the region, we are honored to provide this experience to our young people. We see the value of this important programme and have seen it grow from 10 interns in 2016 to the viable program that it is now in 2024".

Reyna Grant, who is one of 43 interns in Barbados described her experience at the bank so far as "insightful and engaging". Grant is attached to the Corporate Communications unit at the bank's regional headquarters.

"With this being my first experience with a corporate bank but not necessarily in fintech, I have mixture of familiarity with what I think will be expected of me. However, it is contrasted by the new environment and work-culture which is hybrid, which I haven't done so far in my career. Overall, I expect to learn a lot regarding UI/UX, which I will integrate into my software engineering and programming focus, which will aid me in creating applications that many users will love," said Darnell Garcia, Computer Science & IT student at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus.

Shakinah Finlayson, is looking forward to a career in banking and is excited about her internship at the JFK Branch in New Providence, Bahamas.

“This is a great opportunity for me because I want to work in a bank. If this goes well and I know it most definitely will; CIBC will be the bank of my choice if I decide to come home to the Bahamas to work. While being here I want to also gain a good understanding of the different positions within the bank. I am very excited for what’s to unfold over the next couple weeks,” said the student of Central State University, Ohio, where she is studying accounts and finance.

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*Some of CIBC Caribbean's Summer Interns in Barbados*

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