

## **Press Communiqué**

### **UNESCO -“L'OREAL CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN LIFE SCIENCES -2011**

The Fellowship is open to young women scientists in UNESCO's member states, already engaged in research in the fields of Life Sciences (including, Biology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Agriculture, Medicine, Pharmacy and Physiology)

- **Eligibility**

Candidates must be *inter-alia*:

- (i) not more than 35 years of age;
- (ii) holders of a Ph D degree (or equivalent) in life Sciences;  
(However, candidatures from students pursuing studies/research leading to a Ph D degree or equivalent will also be entertained);
- (iii) **already** engaged in pursuing research at the doctoral or post doctoral level
- (iv) proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study; and
- (iv) in good health, both physically and mentally

- **Duration of proposed study / research:**

12 months with possibility of extension for additional 12 months

- **Possible date of commencing the project:**

Anytime between **1 March 2011 and 1 March 2012**

- **Duration of stay in the host country/laboratory**

At least half of the fellowship must be undertaken abroad for a minimum duration of 6 months and a maximum duration of 12 months. If extension is granted, then duration abroad is minimum 12 months and maximum 22 months. wherein the applicant is requested to complete the studies in her own country for a minimum of two month.

- **Modality of study:**

Research must be carried out under the auspices of an academic supervisor in a host institution.

Candidates must be, at the time of application, already holder of a host institute's letter of acceptance.

- **Facilities offered by UNESCO and L'OREAL**

- (i) a financial contribution not exceeding US \$ 20,000 per year.
- (ii) a round trip travel from the candidate's home country to UNESCO's Headquarters to attend an award ceremony, with lodging and pocket money during the stay in Paris and a certificate attesting to the special award.

Applications, together with all relevant documents, including detailed description of the research work, and a detailed budget estimate of resources required (not exceeding US \$ 20,000) per year to carry out the research must be submitted to:

*Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO  
Ministry of Education & Human Resources  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
IVTB House  
Phoenix  
Tel : 601 5200 (Ext 5414)  
Fax : 6862532*

**Applications must have the following attachments:**

- (i) The UNESCO Fellowship application form duly completed in **English** or in **French** in duplicate. **Two recent photographs (compulsory)** should be included with the form;
- (ii) An e-mail address regularly used by the candidate;
- (iii) Certified copies of degree or diplomas (including transcript of grades) in duplicate. Proof either of having obtained a Ph.D degree or of being in the process of studying for a Ph.D degree must be included;
- (iv) A list of publications, if any;
- (v) A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the candidate's work;
- (vi) A host institute's letter of acceptance (i.e. the institute that has accepted the candidate for work should she be selected for a fellowship). This letter of acceptance must indicate that the host institute confirms its willingness to provide the relevant training facilities required by the candidate in the chosen field of specialization;
- (vii) The certificate of language proficiency (on UNESCO form) duly completed in duplicate for the language of the country of study (should this be different from the candidate's mother tongue);
- (viii) **A detailed description, one to two page(s) (maximum), in either English or French**, of the research work for which the candidature is being put forward.

- (ix) Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in application form in duplicate. One copy thereof, along with the relevant supporting documents, should be submitted to the Natcom Section and one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of the applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. **Such information should be made available at the time of submission of application forms.**

### *Selection of Beneficiaries*

A selection panel will be set up to recommend the most appropriate submissions to UNESCO.

*Only selected candidates will be contacted by UNESCO.*

### *Deadline*

Application should reach the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO by **Friday 28 May 2010** for onward transmission to UNESCO where the final selection will be carried out.

### *Information and Application Form*

For further details and application form, interested persons should call **in person** at the abovementioned address and candidates who have not been informed of their selection by 30 September 2009 should consider that their applications have not been approved in the selection process.

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