

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of **two** scholarships (inclusive of Performing Arts) at **postgraduate levels** for academic year 2011/2012 under the **Cultural Exchange Programme**.

Scholarships for Medical studies/Pharmacy/Dentistry/Law/B.Ed/M.Ed will **not** be allocated under the scheme. Moreover, these scholarships are **not** tenable for Programmes offered by the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(A) For a Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a pass in GP; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

(B) M.Phil/PhD

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level with three subjects obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A good Master's degree.

(C) An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to the above.

Note 1: Candidates should submit a motivation letter (**approximately 500 words**) justifying their interest in the Programme chosen. Those applying for Doctoral Programmes or **Architecture** should submit a Research Proposal/Synopsis of the proposed area of study together with their Application Form (**not less than 1500 words**).

Note 2: Scholarships will not be awarded to candidates wishing to undertake a second Master's/PhD degree.

Note 3: Students wishing to study **Performing Arts** should enclose Video/Audio cassettes of their recorded performances with their application, wherever possible.

2. Age Limit

Candidates should **not have reached their 35th birthday** by the closing date.

3. Information on the Scholarship

3.1 Airfare is **not** provided under this Scheme and **Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed**. An accommodation allowance will be provided by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) enabling two to three students to share a small flat.

3.2 Nominated candidates will **not** have the possibility of changing either the selected Programme of study or the University once admission has been finalized. Candidates are **strongly advised** to ensure that the course of study applied for is available at the Universities/Institutions of their choice. **The Universities and Programmes identified must be indicated in the applicant's motivation letter**. Relevant information may also be secured from the website of the University concerned or the Indian High Commission in Mauritius.

3.3 Students will not be allowed to **shift or change** the campuses/towns of allotted institutions without the knowledge and **prior** permission of the ICCR. **Scholars will have to inform/take permission from ICCR before they leave the country as per scholarship norms. The stipend of the ex-India period will not be paid to them.**

3.4 Priority will be given to students who have never studied in India before. However, students who have formerly studied on ICCR Scholarships may be given second preference.

3.5 Candidates should ensure that originals, along with copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section **by the closing date**. Non-submission of same in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise. The certified copies of **all** documents (if not in English) should be accompanied by their corresponding English translation.

3.6 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign a bond, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least five years in the public or private sector.

3.7 Nominated candidates will be requested to sign an undertaking to the effect that, in case of failure to complete the course after joining it in India, they would refund to the Government of India or its agencies within a period of 30 days after their return to Mauritius the full expenditure incurred by the Government of India.

3.8 Candidates are requested to produce a certificate that they are free from HIV/AIDS and same should be submitted together with the application. In case the result of the test cannot be provided by the closing date, same should be submitted at the time of interview. **Failure to submit this certificate by the interview date will entail elimination from the competition.** Candidates are reminded that they would have to undergo an HIV/AIDS test even in India before admission is finally given.

3.9 Only the best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Candidates who have not been informed of their short listing within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been short listed.

4. Mode of Application

4.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or may be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

Applicants may also submit applications on-line on the following website:

<http://www.gov.mu>

However, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents **within three working days after application for the scholarship online and prior to the closing date.**

- 4.2 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards. However, applicants are reminded that no application will be considered "in absentia" and that they should be present for the interview.
- 4.3 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof, along with the relevant supporting documents, should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available together with the application. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of interview.***
- 4.4 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Friday 28 January 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 4.5 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
- 4.6 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. **The final decision to award the scholarship rests with the donor country.**

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