

## PRESS COMMUNIQUE

### UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME 2010-2011

Candidatures are invited for UNESCO's short-term (1 to 6 months) post-graduate fellowships programme which provides innovative training and high level studies.

The fields of study corresponding to the Programme Priorities for UNESCO's Five Major Programmes as specified by UNESCO can be viewed at [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)

#### **CRITERIA**

##### **Target: Graduate and Postgraduate candidates for study abroad wishing to:**

- Pursue training;
- Undertake advanced research;
- Upgrade Skills: or
- Attend specialized or refresher courses

##### **Requirements**

- Applicants must not be more than 45 years of age
- Possess a University degree, i.e. minimum a B.A or BSc.
- Have exceptional merit, and have demonstrated that they possess outstanding potential that would enable them to make a significant contribution to their country upon their return. **Priority will be given to women candidates from the Least Developed Countries and SIDS (Small Island Developing States).**
- Be proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study.
- Applicants should also submit a write-up on their choice of study.
- Applicants already in employment, where public or private, must fill the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO and one copy to the applicants employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course and if so, on what terms and conditions.

##### **Programme of study:**

Candidates should specify the type of study/research programme(s) they wish to undertake and draw up a precise and comprehensive detailed proposal as listed below:

- (i) The details of the studies to be undertaken;
- (ii) The place of study (candidates are encouraged to choose only one country, preferably in the same region);
- (iii) The host institution(s);
- (iv) Date of study: anytime between 1 September 2010 and 31 December 2011 a
- (v) An exhaustive account of the future work assignment envisaged by the candidate at the end of the fellowship.

##### **Responsibility for programme arrangements:**

Priority will be given to well-planned programmes, particularly those for which the necessary contacts have been made in advance with the host institution. Confirmation from the host institution(s) of their acceptance to receive the fellow is indispensable prior to the award of the fellowship.

**Host institution and county of study:**

The host institution's address, the place of study as well as the name of the contact person (including his/her phone and fax numbers as well as e-mail address), if known, should be clearly indicated on the application form. **Countries of study within the same region are highly recommended.**

**Estimated costs:**

Applicants should be realistic in compiling their proposed budgets. The estimate should indicate, exclusively, the international and domestic travel costs for the proposed itinerary, tuition fees, if any, and stipend to cover subsistence abroad. Applications where funds requested are judged to be excessive in relation to the real costs are likely to be awarded smaller grants. With a view to ensuring equitable distribution of funds UNESCO applies standard rates for stipend and other entitlements.

**Maximum cost of fellowship:**

The maximum cost should not exceed US \$15,000 to cover either partially or fully expenses related to the study programme.

The deadline for submission of applications at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO is **Wednesday 31 March 2010.**

Should there be more than two entries, a selection panel will be set up to recommend the entries for submission to UNESCO for consideration.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level, Room 2.74, IVTB House, Phoenix.

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