

# COMMUNIQUE

## **OFFER OF POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER INDIA COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIP PLAN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of **seven** scholarships at **postgraduate level** under the **India Commonwealth Scholarship/Fellowship Plan 2012-2013 for the following fields of study:**

- **Science**
- **Engineering**
- **Economics/Commerce**
- **Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences**

Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and private Institutions are not covered under this scheme.

Scholarships for Medical studies/Pharmacy/Dentistry will **not** be allocated under the scheme.

### **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 **with** three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a pass in GP;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A Master's degree.

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

**Note 1:** Candidates applying for Science & Engineering programmes must have Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics at Principal Level.

- Note 2:**
- (i) Candidates should submit a motivation letter (approximately 500 words) justifying their interest in the Programme chosen.
  - (ii) Those applying for doctoral/post-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 3:** Students wishing to study Performing Arts should enclose Video/Audio cassettes of their recorded performances wherever possible.

## **2. Age Limit**

Candidates should **not be more than 35 years** of age as at closing date.

## **3. Scholarship-Related Information**

- 3.1 Economy class airfares are provided under this Scheme while **Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed**. Accommodation allowance will be provided by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) allowing 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.
- 3.3 Candidates must ensure that the course of study applied for is available in the Universities/Institutions of their choice. **The Universities and Programmes identified must be indicated in the applicant's motivation letter**. Relevant information about the courses may also be secured from the website of the University concerned or the Indian High Commission in Mauritius.
- 3.4 Students will not be allowed to **shift or change** the campuses of allotted institutions without **prior** permission of the ICCR. **The Scholars will also have to inform/take permission from ICCR before they leave India as per scholarship norms. The stipend of the ex-India period will not be paid to them.**
- 3.5 **Priority will be given to students who have never studied in India before. However, students who have formerly studied on ICCR Scholarship would be given second preference.**
- 3.6 Nominees whose admissions were finalised in earlier years but have left without completing the courses will not be considered.

- 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 the relevant one in India, they would refund to the Government of India or its agencies the full expenditure incurred by the Government of India within a period of 30 days after their return to Mauritius.
- 3.8 Candidates are informed that for those willing to follow Science Courses, the expenditure on Laboratory Chemicals and other related incidental charges will have to be borne by them.
- 3.9 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 with their corresponding English translation**.
- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 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.
- 3.13 Self-financing students will not be converted into scholarship students under this Scheme.

#### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

Applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents after application for the scholarship on line, which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

- 4.2 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Friday 03 February 2012 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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 applications. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of interview.***
- 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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Human Resources  
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