

## PRESS COMMUNIQUE

### UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme 2010

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates under the UNESCO-Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme:

Research may be carried out in the following four areas only:

1. Environment (with particular emphasis on to Water Sciences)
2. Intercultural Dialogue
3. Information and Communication Technologies
4. Peaceful Conflict Resolution

#### **A. Eligibility**

1. Candidates must be post-graduate researchers, already holding either an M.A. or M.Sc. degree (or equivalent).
2. Candidates must be persons of high intellectual promise who may be expected to make significant contributions to their country on return.
3. Candidates must be no more than **40 years** of age. Applicants born before 1 January 1969 will not be considered.
4. Candidates must be proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study/research.

#### **B. Priority attention will be given to:**

- Women
- Candidates from Least Developed Countries (LCDs)
- Palestinian researchers.

#### **C. Facilities offered by the programme**

1. Selected candidates will be awarded a maximum amount between US \$ 6 000 to US \$ 10 000. The amount paid in two or three instalments, is intended to cover research costs only, and will not be negotiable.
2. No other costs will be considered and grants will neither be extended nor renewed.

#### **D. Study arrangements:**

- Duration of proposed research  
Minimum: 3 months  
Maximum: 9 months
- Closing date for receipt of applications  
8 January 2010
- Possible date for commencing research  
Any time from September 2010

- Deadline for termination of research: End of December 2011
- Place of study: 1 or 2 countries abroad
- Research must be carried out under the auspices of an academic supervisor in a host institution.
- The Beneficiary must upon termination of the Fellowship, agree to return to his/her home country so that knowledge acquired may be put to good use in local research and training programmes.

**E. The application form duly completed, in English or French (in duplicate) must have the following attachments:**

1. Two recent passport size photographs.
2. Certified copies of degrees or diplomas (including transcript of grades) in duplicate along with translations either in English or in French. Proof of having a Master's Degree must be included.
3. A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the candidate's work.
4. Letter of acceptance from host institute. This letter of acceptance must indicate that the host institute confirms its willingness to provide the relevant research facilities required by the candidate in the chosen field of specialization.
5. The certificate of language proficiency (on UNESCO form) in duplicate for the language of study (should this be different from the candidate's mother tongue).
6. 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.

**F.** Application forms along with required documents should be submitted to the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO by **Tuesday 10 November 2009** at latest.

**G.** Should there be more than two applicants, a panel will be set up to recommend the two most suitable applications to UNESCO.

Candidates not informed of their selection by **01 September 2010** should consider that they have not been selected for a fellowship under this programme.

**05 August 2009**

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