

COMMUNIQUE

Malaysian Technical Co-operation Programme (MTCP) 2009

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for scholarships at postgraduate and doctoral levels offered by the Government of Malaysia for academic year starting 2009. The duration of the awards is between 12 to 24 months for Masters programme and 36 months for PhD.

2. Field of Study

The proposed field of study should be available in Malaysian Universities and should match the development priorities of Mauritius. The list of recognized Malaysian Universities and the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius have been affixed on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources, Ground Floor, IVTB House, Phoenix. They are also available on the Ministry's website at:

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

Applicants are advised to consult same.

Note

- Applicants should seek admission only in those Universities listed in the offer document available for consultation on the Notice Board and on the website of the Ministry.
- Scholarships will not be awarded for post-doctoral research, clinical training or a second Masters'/PhD degree.

3. Eligibility Requirements

A. Master's Degree (duration of course – 12 to 24 months)

- (i) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting or any equivalent qualification; and
- (ii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

B. For Ph.D (duration of course – 36 months)

- (i) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting or equivalent qualification;
- (ii) Bachelor's Degree; and
- (ii) Good Master's Degree.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than **45 years of age** by the closing date.

5. General Conditions

- 5.1 The scholarship covers airfares to and from Malaysia, tuition fees, maintenance allowance, yearly grant for books and internal travel, thesis allowance, installation and termination grant.
- 5.2 Candidates having already benefitted from a scholarship through the Government of Mauritius will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- 5.3 Candidates should ensure that certified 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. Candidates must also submit two recent academic references and evidence of other achievements including extra curricular participations in community activities. Non-submission of same will result in elimination from the selection exercise.
- 5.4 Candidates must demonstrate outstanding verbal, reading and writing proficiency in the English language through one of the following:
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or
 - Test administered by the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)
- 5.5 Candidates may be required to attend an interview and/or take an entrance test conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education or the Board of Admissions of the particular University.
- 5.6 The selection committee for MTCP Scholarship will only consider qualified applicants with outstanding academic achievement and professional performance. Application for admission is solely the candidate's responsibility, though proof of admission is not a pre-requisite for the award. Selected applicants are accordingly advised to apply for a seat before the beginning of the academic year which is during the month of July for most of Malaysian Universities.
- 5.7 The final decision to award the scholarships rests solely on the decision of the donor country.
- 5.8 Only the best-qualified candidates will be selected. Candidates who have not been informed of their nomination within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

6. **Mode of Application**

- 6.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources, 1st Floor, IVTB House, Phoenix, or 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.

- 6.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents (with translation if not in English) should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Friday 28 November 2008 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 6.3 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

6. **Other Requirements**

- 6.1 Beneficiaries of scholarships must enter into 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.
- 6.2 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 the terms and conditions for the release.
- 6.3 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
7. Additional information can be obtained, on the Ministry's website:

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

or at the following addresses:

- (i) Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Culture & Human Resources,
1st Floor, IVTB House, Phoenix

(ii) Scholarships Division
Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia
Scholarship Division
Level 4, Block 1, PjH Tower
Precint 2
Federal Government Administration Centre
62100 PUTRAJAYA
MALAYSIA

Website: <http://www.mohe.gov.my>

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