

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF COMMONWEALTH FELLOWSHIP TENABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for the award of 3 Commonwealth scholarships (two doctoral and one post-doctoral) tenable at the University of Pretoria as from January 2012:

2. Eligibility Criteria

For Doctoral Studies (3 years)

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

For Postdoctoral studies (2 years)

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC Level in three subjects at Principal level and a pass in GP obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) a minimum of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree in relevant field;
- (iv) A good Master's degree; and
- (v) a Phd in the relevant field.

Additional information regarding the programmes offered by the University of Pretoria is available on the following website:

www.up.ac.za

3. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached 35 years of age for doctoral and postdoctoral studies as at the time of application.

4. General Conditions

- 4.1 Those already registered for a post doctoral program at the University are ineligible to apply.

- 4.2 The doctoral scholar will be entitled to an annual grant of ZAR 100,000 and the Postdoctoral scholar to an annual grant of ZAR 150,000.
- 4.3 Applicants are reminded that, being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarships rests with the donor institution.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Only the best-qualified candidates will be nominated. Candidates who have not been informed of their shortlisting within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been nominated.
- 4.6 **Potential candidates must show evidence of having the agreement of an academic from the University of Pretoria who would act as Supervisor.**

5. **Mode of Application**

- 5.1. 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 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.

- 5.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Monday 9 May 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 5.3 Candidates should ensure that originals along with 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, along with their applications by the closing date. A **motivation letter** of around 1500 words must also be submitted. **Non-submission of same in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise.**
- 5.4 Potential candidates are invited to submit evidence of any publications or Research Papers.

- 5.5 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 5.6 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 by the closing date.***
- 5.7 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
- 5.8 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English or accompanied by a translation in English.

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Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix**