

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (2011-2012)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian Nationals for the award of 12 scholarships (for Bachelor's & Master's studies including 2 for Medicine) and 3 Scholarships (Doctoral & Postdoctoral Studies) by the Government of the Russian Federation for the Academic Year 2011-2012.

2. Fields of Study

The List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study may be consulted on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and on the following website of the Ministry:

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

The list of courses offered by the Russian Authorities is also available for consultation at the Scholarships Section, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix. Candidates are strongly advised to mention the **Code No.** of the courses chosen in their application form.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 Qualifications

(A) For Bachelor Studies (4 Years)

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting.

(B) For Specialist Studies (5 Years)

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting.

(C) For Master's (2 Years)

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) A minimum Standard of Second Class Bachelor's degree in the corresponding field.

(D) **For Doctoral Studies (2 - 3 Years)**

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

A Specialist degree will also be accepted as an alternate to (iii) & (iv) above.

(E) **For Postdoctoral Studies (2 – 3 years)**

A PhD in the relevant field.

Note 1: Candidates applying for Doctoral/Postdoctoral studies should be proficient in the Russian Language and should submit:

- (i) a write-up of two pages of their proposed research in Russian Language;
- (ii) a list of published works; and
- (iii) at least two Academic References.

Note 2: Candidates applying for a Specialization in Medicine should be registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age for Bachelor, Specialists & Masters courses, not more than 35 years of age for Doctoral studies and not more than 45 years for Postdoctoral Studies by the closing date.

5. Conditions of Scholarships

- 5.1 All candidates except for those having a proficiency in Russian Language, will be expected to follow a one-year preparatory course in that language.
- 5.2 The scholarship covers a monthly allowance of 1100 Russian roubles for undergraduate students and 1500 Russian roubles for Postgraduate studies. Accommodation in students' hostels is also provided under this scheme.
- 5.3 Nominated candidates would have to meet expenses pertaining to air travel, transfer from Moscow to the place of study, passport registration and the mandatory medical insurance, etc.
- 5.4 It is recommended that candidates also have additional funds to cover expenses during the whole period of study (not less than US\$250 monthly).

- 5.5 Candidates, if nominated, should produce a copy of their passport which should be valid for a period 18 months as from the date of arrival in Russia.
- 5.6 **Candidates should produce evidence of being medically fit. Such evidence, including that of being aids-free, will have to be submitted once they have been nominated.** In case of serious illness, they would be repatriated at their own expense.
- 5.7 Successful nominees would be expected to be in Russia by early September – October 2011.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 Only the best-qualified candidates will be nominated. 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 shortlisted.
- 5.10 The final decision regarding both the award of scholarships and the choice of University rests with the donor country.

6. Mode of Application

- 6.1 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 online on the following website:

<http://www.gov.mu>

However, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents within three working days after online application for the scholarship.

- 6.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Friday 20 May 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
- 6.3 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 (translated in English where applicable), 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.

- 6.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.5 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.***
- 6.6 Additional information is available from the Scholarships Section of the Ministry.
- 6.7 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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