

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF COMMONWEALTH FELLOWSHIP TENABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for the award of **one** Commonwealth postgraduate scholarship offered by the University of the South Pacific. The scholarship will be for a two-year full time Master's degree programme tenable at the University of the South Pacific as from February 2012 at the Emalus (Vanuatu) Campus or Alafua (Samoa) Campus.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- (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; and
- (iii) a minimum of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree in a relevant field.

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

www.usp.ac.fj

3. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached 35 years of age as at closing date.

4. General Conditions

- 4.1 The scholarship covers full tuition fees, an agreed stipend, one return air-fare and a one-off relocation allowance of USD 500.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.

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

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Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix**