

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme 2009

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.

F. Application forms along with required documents should be submitted to the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO by **Monday 24 November 2008** 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 2009** should consider that they have not been selected for a fellowship under this programme.

22 August, 2008

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