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OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
UNDER A SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHEME FOR THE 2014/2015
ACADEMIC SESSION

The Government of Brunei Darussalam is inviting applications from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships under a special award scheme, for study at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) and Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB) for academic year starting in July/August 2014 as follows:

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2. **Fields of Study**

The fields of study as applicable especially for the scholarships from the Government of Brunei Darussalam are available for consultation on the website of the Ministry at:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

Applicants are also required to consult the following websites regarding information on the Programmes offered and eligibility requirements before applying:

(i) For UBD: www.ubd.edu.bn
(ii) For UNISSA: www.unissa.edu.bn
(iii) For ITB: www.itb.edu.bn

Candidates are also advised to consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius available on the Ministry’s website or on the Notice Board, Ground Floor of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, MITD House, Phoenix.
3. **Eligibility Requirements**

**A. Bachelor’s Degree**

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting; and

(ii) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting.

**B. Master’s Degree (1-2 years)**

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;

(iii) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting; and

(iv) A Bachelor’s degree of at least Second Class level in the corresponding field.

**Note:** For a Master’s degree by Research, the applicant must submit a research proposal with the application.

**C. Doctoral Degree (3 years)**

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language 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 Bachelor’s degree in the corresponding field; and

(v) A Master’s degree in the corresponding field.

**Note:** Applicants for PhD are also required to submit a detailed research proposal.

**D. Diploma of Health Sciences**

(i) The Diploma of Health Sciences (Nursing) programme requires the following minimum qualifications:
(a) At least 5 credits at GCE 'O' Level Examination or its equivalent, including Mathematics, Science, English Language; or

(b) A recognized Certificate for Assistant Nurse or Certificate in Midwifery (Division II) with working experience of not less than 2 years after completion of the certificate programme.

Candidate must be successful at any interview conducted by the University and pass a medical fitness examination.

(ii) The Diploma of Health Sciences (Midwifery) programme requires the following minimum qualifications:

(a) At least 5 credits at GCE 'O' Level Examination or its equivalent, including Mathematics, Science, English Language; or

(b) A recognized Certificate for Assistant Nurse or Certificate in Midwifery (Division II) with working experience of not less than 2 years after completion of the certificate programme;

Candidate must be successful at any interview conducted by the University and pass a medical fitness examination.

(iii) The Diploma of Health Sciences (Paramedic) programme requires the following minimum qualifications:

(a) At least 5 credits at GCE 'O' Level Examination or its equivalent, including Mathematics, Science, English Language; or

(b) A recognized Certificate for Assistant Nurse or Certificate in Midwifery (Division II) with working experience of not less than 2 years after completion of the certificate programme.

Candidate must be successful at any interview conducted by the University and pass a medical fitness examination.

Note: The candidate must be of more than 5 feet tall.
E. An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to A, B, C & D.

F. Candidates should ensure that their proposed field of study is relevant to the qualifications already possessed.

4. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age for Diploma and Bachelor Course and not more than 35 years of age for Master’s and Doctorate Degrees.

5. **Application Details**

Relevant information on the scholarship is also available on the following website:


6. **Benefits of the scholarship**

6.1 The scholars are exempted from paying tuition fees and other appropriate compulsory fees as determined by the institutions for the duration of the Programme.

6.2 One return economy class air ticket for the most economically viable route to Brunei Darussalam will be determined by the Government of Brunei Darussalam. No additional assistance will be provided towards other travel expenses.

6.3 Allowances payable will include:

   (i) Monthly personal allowance of BND500.00;
   (ii) Annual book allowance of BND600.00;
   (iii) Monthly food allowance of BND150.00;
   (iv) Upon completion of the programme, baggage allowance to a maximum of BND500.00.

6.4 An accommodation at respective institution’s residential college is provided. If the scholar opts not to live in the provided accommodation, no additional allowance will be given in lieu of board and transport.
Outpatient medical and/or dental treatment is complimentary at any Brunei Government hospitals. However, an administrative charge is payable for each consultation with the government general practitioner or specialist.

**7 Other terms and conditions of the scholarship**

7.1 Scholars are not encouraged to bring their family members for the duration of the scholarship.

7.2 Spouse and/or child allowance is not payable to the scholar. Accommodation is not provided to an accompanying family member or any other person.

7.3 This scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, fellowship, grant or loan without the prior approval of the Government of Brunei Darussalam. This scholarship will be terminated immediately should the scholar be found to concurrently hold another scholarship.

7.4 Under no circumstances are the scholars allowed leave the country for more than 30 days per academic year without prior permission form the Ministry of Education of Brunei Darussalam. Failure to comply with this condition may lead to the forfeiture of payments of the scholar’s monthly allowance.

7.5 The scholar may not undertake paid employment or serve on the staff of their country’s representative in Brunei Darussalam during the award.

7.6 The Government of Brunei Darussalam will not be responsible for securing employment for the scholar after graduation.

7.7 An applicant may be required to appear for an interview at such place(s) as may be determined by the institutions offering the programmes, and to sit for a written examination to assess the scholar’s proficiency in the English Language/Malay Language/Arabic Language (where applicable).

7.8 The scholar must abide by the rules and regulations of the institution of study and the laws of Brunei Darussalam.

7.9 The Government of Brunei Darussalam reserves the right to terminate the scholarship awarded to the scholar as recommended by their respective institution or if deemed to be justifiable.

7.10 Upon completion of the programme, the scholar is required to return to their country of origin with immediate effect.
7.11 If a scholar wishes to withdraw from the Brunei Darussalam Scholarship during the course of study, the scholar has to give one month advance notice and repay the full costs received by the scholar to the Ministry of Education of Brunei Darussalam. The scholar’s return home airfare will be on their own expense.

7.12 It is a prerequisite for the scholar to insure themselves with 24 hours of travelling and a health insurance for the whole duration of their stay in Brunei Darussalam at their own expense.

7.13 Applicants are advised that in case they are selected by the relevant Brunei authorities, they would have to submit a “Certificat de Moralité” from the Mauritius competent authorities.

**Health**

7.14 The offer is subject to the attainment of a certificate stating that scholars are medically fit to undertake the scholarship to study in Brunei Darussalam, to be issued by a qualified medical practitioner in Mauritius.

7.15 Successful applicants need to undergo health screening in Brunei Darussalam if deemed necessary by the Government of Brunei Darussalam. In cases where the applicant does not pass the health screening, they are to return to their home country at their own expense.

**Visa and travel arrangements**

7.16 The successful applicant is required to be in possession of a passport valid for the whole duration of their study in Brunei Darussalam.

7.17 The air ticket will be arranged by the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Mission in the scholar’s country of origin or the closest Brunei Darussalam Mission to that country. If the scholar purchases his/her ticket without prior authorization from the relevant Brunei authorities, the scholar forfeits his/her right to the ticket and/or reimbursement for the ticket.

7.18 The scholar’s Student Visa will only be issued upon arrival in Brunei Darussalam. Entry visa for scholars from countries that have a Brunei Darussalam Foreign Mission will be arranged by the respective Missions. For others, a visa upon arrival will be arranged by the Brunei Ministry of Education.
Other conditions

7.19 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

7.20 Only the best qualified candidates will be selected. Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination within eight weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

7.21 The final decision to award the scholarships and the choice of Universities rests with the Brunei Authorities.

8. Mode of Application

8.1 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 originals along with copies of all supporting documents which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

8.2 Two references on the prescribed C1 Form as downloadable from the Ministry’s website must also be provided with the application form to support the scholarship application to study in Brunei.

8.3 Candidates should submit a 200 word statement of purpose describing the specific skills and knowledge the applicant wishes to gain from the proposed study and how this will contribute to the applicant’s current and/or future job.
8.4 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 by the closing date. Non-submission of these documents on time will result in their elimination from the selection exercise. Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry or at the Career Guidance Service in Rose Hill.

8.5 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 14.00 hours at latest. Where original documents are not in English, certified true copies of official English translations should be provided at the time of application.

8.6 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

8.7 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application form 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 who has to confirm, in writing, whether the applicant would be released for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. Such information should be made available by the closing date.

8.8 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

Ministry of Education and Human Resources

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MITD House, Phoenix