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OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
UNDER THE “AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME”

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of 84 scholarships at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in India for Academic Year 2013/2014 as follows:

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These scholarships are not tenable at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and private Institutions.

Scholarships for Medical studies/Dentistry and courses related to medicine are not offered under the scheme.

2. **Fields of Study**

2.1 Candidates should consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study made available on the Notice Board of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or visit the following website:


However, candidates must ensure that the course of study applied for is available in the Universities/Institutions of their choice.
3. **Eligibility Requirements**

A. **For Bachelor’s Degree**

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

(ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in GP**.

B. **For Master’s Degree**

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

(ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in GP**; and

(iii) A minimum standard of Second Class Honours Bachelor’s degree in the relevant field.

C. **M.Phil/PhD**

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

(ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in GP**;

(iii) A Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and

(iv) A Master’s degree.

D. **For Postdoctoral Studies**

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

(ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in GP**;

(iii) A Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent in the relevant field;

(iv) A Master’s degree; and

(v) A PhD.

E. An Equivalent qualification as in India, mentioned at A, B, C and D.

F. An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to A, B, C and D.

**Note 1** Candidates applying for Engineering Courses must have Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics at Principal level. Those applying for Science courses must have the relevant science subjects at Principal level.

**Note 2** Candidates willing to follow Science Courses will have to bear the expenditure on Laboratory costs, Chemicals and other related incidental charges.
Note 3 Candidates applying for Indian Languages at undergraduate level must have obtained a Pass at Principal level in the subject they propose to study at the University and must be eligible for a degree course in Indian Universities.

Note 4 Students wishing to study Performing Arts should enclose evidence of their recorded performances wherever possible, along with a few sample photographs while performing and testimonials of two experts in their specific fields. Those who wish to apply for BA (Fine Arts) should enclose 12 slides of their own work along with their application forms.

Note 5 Candidates for Undergraduate and Master’s programme should submit a motivation letter of 100 to 150 words justifying their interest in the course chosen. Applicants for doctoral/post-doctoral Programmes or Architecture should submit a Research Proposal/Synopsis of the proposed area of study together with their Application Form (not less than 1500 words). Research Visa is required for M.Phil and higher courses.

Note 6 Priority will be given to students who have never studied in India before. Students who have formerly studied on Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarships would be given second preference.

Note 7 In case suitable numbers of candidates are not available in any of the subject-categories (and their levels) mentioned above, slots could be passed on to other categories.

3.1 **Age Limit**

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age for undergraduate courses, 35 years of age for Masters and 40 years of age for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies by the closing date of submission of applications.

4. **Scholarship Related Information**

4.1 **Economy class return airfares are provided under this Scheme.**

4.2 **Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed.** Accommodation allowance will be provided by the ICCR allowing two to three students to share a small flat.

4.3 Nominated candidates will not have the possibility of changing either the selected Programme of study or the University once admission has been finalized.
4.4 **The Universities and Programmes identified must be indicated in the applicant’s motivation letter.** Relevant information about the courses may also be secured from the website of the University concerned or from the “**Universities handbook**” available for consultation at the Indian High Commission in Mauritius.

4.5 Prospective applicants should exercise due diligence and research on the specific admission criteria laid down by the various universities of India for each subject.

4.6 Students will not be allowed to **shift or change** campuses of allotted institutions without **prior** permission of the ICCR. **The Scholars will also have to inform/take permission from ICCR before they leave India. The stipend of the ex-India period will not be provided.**

4.7 Applications from nominees whose admissions were finalised in earlier years but had left without completing the courses will not be considered.

4.8 Nominated candidates will be requested to sign an undertaking to the effect that, in case of failure to complete the course they would refund to the Government of India or its agencies the full expenditure (including airfare) incurred by the Government of India within a period of 30 days after their return to Mauritius.

4.9 All candidates should ensure that certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section, along with their applications. Non-submission of same will result in elimination from the selection exercise. Certification of documents can be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill. **The certified copies of all documents (if not in English) should be accompanied with their corresponding English translation.**

4.10 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.
4.11 Only the best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Candidates who have not been informed of their short listing within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been short listed.

4.12 Self-financing students will not be converted into scholarship students under this Scheme.

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 may be 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

Applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents after application for the scholarship on line, which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

5.2 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest**.

5.3 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards. However, applicants are reminded that no application will be considered “in absentia” and that they should be present for the interview.

5.4 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 together with the applications. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of interview.**

5.5 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
5.6 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarship rests with the autonomous institutions of the donor country. The Indian Authorities will not entertain applications which are sent directly by the potential students to the High Commission of Mauritius in India.

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