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OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM COMSATS INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CIIT), PAKISTAN FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2014

The COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) in Islamabad, Pakistan is offering 10 scholarships for Master of Science (MS) Studies to Mauritian Nationals for Spring Semester, commencing as from February 2014.

The courses for the MS studies are of a minimum of two years in the following fields:

1. Computer Science (including Health Informatics)
2. Management Science
3. Electrical Engineering
4. Biosciences
5. Mathematics
6. Physics
7. Meteorology

2. Eligibility Criteria

(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 or equivalent qualification obtained at one and the same sitting; and

(iii) A first degree in the relevant field of study of at least Upper Second Class Honours level or equivalent.

(iv) IELTS (academic) with a minimum score of 5.0 band or a TOEFL with minimum score 70 or NTS-GAT score 50. (If available, validity not more than 2 years).

Note: NTS-GAT is compulsory for getting admission in Master’s program in Pakistan, as per rules of Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan. However, foreign students who do not have NTS-GAT result are required to appear for NTS-GAT during the first semester of their studies at CIIT, Islamabad – Pakistan.

3. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached 35 years of age by the closing date.
4. **Conditions of Scholarships**

4.1 **Beneficiaries of the scholarships will be required to bear costs of air ticket and any other travel cost, medical insurance, self-living cost, purchase of laptop and books other than Library books.**

4.2 Applicants should also submit a write-up of about 700 words comprising the following elements:

(a) the reasons to study the course which has been chosen;
(b) applicant’s leisure time activities and personal interests;
(c) information about any part-time or full-time jobs performed and details of work experience; and
(d) explanations of any gaps in education of applicant and employment history.

**Note:** Under the rules a person who reaches Pakistan on Entry/Tourist or Visit visa will not be eligible for admission to any educational institution in Pakistan. It is, therefore, imperative that candidates should go to Pakistan only on student visa issued by the High Commission for Pakistan, Mauritius after confirmation of their admission by the CIIT - Pakistan.

5. 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 nominated.

6. Shortlisting by the Ministry does not guarantee award of the scholarship. The final decision rests with the donor country.

7. **Mode of Application**

7.1 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://citizen.gov.mu

However, applicants should submit to the Scholarships Section **certified copies** of all supporting documents after the on line application which should not be later than the closing date specified below.
7.2 Candidates should ensure that 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, NPF Building, Rose Hill.

7.3 The completed application form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest.**

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

7.5 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 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 application.**

7.6 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English, or accompanied by a translation in English.

8. A Communiqué will be placed on the Ministry’s Website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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Ministry of Education and Human Resources

11 November 2013

MITD House, Phoenix