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JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (JRF) AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP (RA) FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014 FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS – UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION OF INDIA

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of India is inviting applications from interested Mauritian students and teachers for Junior Research Fellowships and Research Associateships to undertake advanced studies and research in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences in Indian Universities.

2. **Eligibility Requirements**

2.1 **Qualifications**

2.1.1 For Junior Research Fellowships

(i) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level in three subjects (with a pass in GP) obtained at one and the same sitting; and  
(ii) Either  
   (a) a high class Master’s degree with a Second Class Bachelor’s degree  
   or  
   (b) a second class Master’s degree with a First Class Bachelor’s degree;

2.1.2 For Research Associateships

(i) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level in three subjects (with a pass in GP) obtained at one and the same sitting and a Bachelor’s degree; and  
(ii) Doctorate degree.

**Note for 2.1.2:** Candidates are expected to provide evidence of published research work to their credit and of any independent research work.

3. **Age Limit**

For the Junior Research Fellowships, male applicants should not have reached 35 years of age by 1st July 2013 and for female candidates, 40 years of age by that date.

For Research Associateships, male applicants should not have reached 40 years of age by 1st July 2013 and for female applicants, 45 years of age by that date.

4. **Conditions of Scholarships**

4.1 The tenure of the fellowship is for four years non-extendable under both schemes, subject to satisfactory progress report of the fellow or submission of PhD thesis, whatever is earlier.
4.2 The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the UGC shall be final and binding.

4.3 A monthly financial assistance will be provided to the awardee. An admissible House Rent Allowance will be provided to the selected candidates. However, the Commission will not be responsible for arranging boarding and lodging of selected candidates during their stay in India after selection. (Please see 4.9 below).

4.4 The cost of travel to India and return will not be borne by the Commission.

4.5 Mauritian candidates, currently studying in India, who have completed their Master’s degrees or doctoral degrees and desire to pursue research may send their applications through the University they propose to work with (the form to be downloaded from www.ugc.ac.in). The application will have to be endorsed by the Mauritius High Commission in New Delhi prior to the latter forwarding them to the University Grants Commission.

4.6 Research students should also submit a statement of 500 words outlining the applicant’s proposed research topic, including research questions and objectives, proposed methodology, timeline and justifications for home related research, if applicable.

4.7 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 country.

4.8 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.

4.9 General conditions and other details pertaining to the scholarships are affixed on the Notice Board of the Ministry, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and are also attached to the Communiqué on the following website:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

Candidates are strongly requested to consult same before applying.

4.10 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.
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://citizen.gov.mu

Applicants should submit **originals along with copies** of all supporting documents after the online application which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

5.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Thursday 13 June 2013 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 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.

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

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

3 June 2013

Ministry of Education and Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix