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OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDER THE 'AYUSH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME' FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships at undergraduate and postgraduate levels for the study of (Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Yoga) under the International Cooperation Scheme of the Department of Ayush, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

1. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

   (A) **For Undergraduate Courses**
   
   [Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS), Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicines and Surgery (BHMS) and BSc in Yoga (3 years)]
   
   HSC/GCE ‘A’ level with Physics, Chemistry and Biology at Principal Level (not necessarily at the same sitting) and a pass in GP
   
   **Note 1:** The duration for BAMS and BHMS is 5½ years including one year mandatory clinical training in India.
   
   **Note 2:** Applicants should also ensure that the eligibility criteria for students embarking in medical studies (including Ayurvedic & Homeopathy Medicines and Surgery) are met. These criteria laid down by the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life are available for consultation on the Ministry’s website.

   (B) **For a Postgraduate Course**
   
   - M.D Ayurveda: 3-year course  
     Eligibility: BAMS degree recognized by CCIM (Central Council of Indian Medicines)

   - MD Homeopathy: 3 year course  
     Eligibility: BHMS degree recognized by CCH (Central Council of Homeopathy)

   (C) **For Ph.D Courses**
   
   Ph.D in Ayurveda: 3 year course  
   Eligibility: MD (Ayurveda) degree recognized by CCIM
Note 3: Candidates should submit a motivation letter of approximately 150 words for undergraduate courses and Master's degree justifying their interest in the course chosen. Those applying for doctoral Programmes should submit a Research Proposal/Synopsis of the proposed area of research together with their Application Form. Research Visa is required for PhD.

2. Conditions of Scholarship

2.1 The scholarship provides for tuition fees and appropriate allowances as approved by the Indian Authorities. Airfare is not provided under this scheme. Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed. An accommodation allowance will however be provided by the Indian Authorities enabling 2 to 3 students to share a small flat. All refundable deposits will have to be paid by the scholar.

2.2 Candidates will have to bear expenditure on Laboratory Chemicals and other related incidental charges.

2.3 Nominated candidates will not have the possibility of changing either the selected course of study or University once admission has been finalized.

2.4 Students will not be allowed to shift or change the campuses/towns of allotted institutions without the knowledge and prior permission of the ICCR. The Scholars will have to inform/take permission from the ICCR before they leave the country as per scholarship norms. The stipend of the ex-India period will not be paid to them.

2.5 The candidates should have sufficient proficiency in English and should not have any serious health problem.

2.6 Only the best-qualified candidates will be called for any interview. Candidates who will not have been informed of their shortlisting after six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been shortlisted.

2.7 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.

2.8 In case of selection of a candidate for the scholarship, an undertaking would be taken from the latter to the effect that, in the case of failure to complete the course after joining the relevant course in India, he/she would refund to the Government of India the full expenditure of scholarship amount and other expenses, paid by the Government of India or its agencies incurred on his/her behalf, within a period of 30 days after his/her return to Mauritius.
2.9 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 same by the closing date will result in elimination from the selection exercise. Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill. Certified copies of all documents should be accompanied by English translation (where applicable). A syllabus of the qualifying examination should be available in case of nomination.

2.10 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.

3. **Mode of Application**

3.1 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:


Applicants may also submit applications on-line on the following website:


However, 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.

3.2 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Wednesday 22 May 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest**.

3.3 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 any interview.
3.4 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 applications. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of any interview.**

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

3.6 Self financing student already studying in India will not be converted into ICCR Scholars.

3.7 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. Candidates are informed that Indian universities/educational institutions are autonomous and independent and hence have their own eligibility criteria. Applicant should do due diligence & research on the specific admission criteria laid down by the various Universities for each subject, and ensure that they submit all relevant documentation as required by the Universities in addition to the basic certificate mentioned in the application form. Forwarding of applications is not a guarantee of admission. A scholarship is awarded only when admission is confirmed by ICCR.

3.8 **The Indian Authorities will not entertain applications which are sent directly by the potential students to the High Commission of Mauritius in India.**

Ministry of Education and Human Resources

15 May 2013

MITD House, Phoenix