Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for two scholarships (one Male and one Female) at Master’s Level offered by the Government of Canada, under the “Programme Canadien de Bourses de la Francophonie – (PCBF)” starting in September 2014.

A. Conditions of Scholarships
The conditions of the scholarships are highlighted hereunder:

1. Le Programme Canadien de bourses de la Francophonie s’adresse à des personnes qui ont un emploi et qui le retrouveront au terme de leurs études et démontreront le plus d’aptitude à contribuer au renforcement des capacités de l’institution ou du secteur ciblé lors du retour au pays.

2. La bourse est accordée :
   (i) pour une durée maximale de deux années ; et
   (ii) en exclusion de tout passage d’un cycle à un autre.

3. La personne qui pose sa candidature doit :
   (i) maîtriser le français parlé et écrit. Les études devant être faites de façon continue en français, cela pourrait faire l’objet d’une vérification au moyen d’un test ;

   (ii) avoir une connaissance suffisante de l’anglais pour lui permettre de lire et de synthétiser des documents dans son domaine d’études ;

   (iii) maîtriser les outils informatiques de base (Word, Excel, Access, recherche internet) ;

   (iv) avoir obtenu son diplôme le plus récent au cours des cinq dernières années pour des études universitaires ;

   (v) résider de façon continue à l’Ile Maurice, durant l’année qui précède la demande.

4. Les études en médecine, en pharmacie et en art dentaire pour des formations cliniques sont exclues.
B. Fields of Study

Preference will be given to applications that are demonstrably linked to the development priorities of the country. Candidates should consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study 2009-2010 which has been affixed on the Notice Board of the Ministry, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix or on the following website for additional priority fields of study:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

C. Eligibility Requirements

(1) Qualifications

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

(ii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor’s degree, or equivalent.

Note: I Candidates should submit:

(i) a project write up, in French, of 750 words on their preferred field of study; and

(ii) a letter of motivation, in French, explaining the relevance to the need of the Country.

II For additional information the candidates are advised to consult the following website:

www.boursesfrancophonie.ca

(2) Age Limit
Candidates should not be more than 35 years of age by the closing date.

D. Conditions of Scholarships

1. Scholarships will cover airfares to and from Canada, university fees, living allowance and other allowances to purchase books and meet similar costs.

2. The award which is made on a yearly basis is renewable up to the duration of the course, upon satisfactory performance of the scholars.

3. Any candidate who has applied to emigrate to Canada or whose spouse is an immigrant or permanent resident in Canada is not eligible under this programme.
4. Candidates who have benefitted from a PCBF scholarships would not be eligible to apply unless they have stayed in the country for at least two full years.

5. All 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, along with their applications. Non-submission of same will result in 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.

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

7. Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies to serve the country in whatever capacity for as long as their services may be required.

8. Selected candidates will be expected to reach Canada by mid-August 2014.

9. 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 selected.

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

E. **Mode of Application**

1. Application forms are available at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry and may also be 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 online, which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

2. The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **13 December 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
3. Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf on their wards.

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. The other one along with the Certificate from Employer should be forwarded to the applicant’s employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant. Such information should be available along with their application forms.

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