COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/2014

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian Nationals for the award of nine (9) scholarships offered by the Russian Federation for Academic Year 2013/2014 as follows:

(i) Seven (7) scholarships are offered for Bachelor, Masters and Specialist degree studies; and
(ii) Two (2) scholarships are offered for Doctoral and Postdoctoral studies.

2. **Duration of Studies**

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<td>Bachelor</td>
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All candidates, except for those proficient in Russian Language, will be expected to follow a one-year preparatory course in that language.

3. **Fields of Study**

3.1 The list of courses (Bachelor degree, Specialist courses and Master degrees) and (Doctoral and Postdoctoral studies) offered by the Russian Institutions is available for consultation at the Scholarships Section, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix or on the Ministry’s website at:


3.2 Candidates should specify the ‘code’ of the course chosen available on the above-mentioned website in their application form.

Candidates are also advised to consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study which is available on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and on the Ministry’s website.
4. **Eligibility Criteria**

4.1 **Qualifications**

(A) **For Bachelor Studies or Specialist Course**

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

(ii) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level in three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting.

(B) **For Master’s Studies**

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credit in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;

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

(iii) A Bachelor’s degree or a Specialist degree.

(C) **For Doctoral Studies**

(i) A Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree; or

(ii) A Specialist degree.

(D) **For Postdoctoral Degree**

(i) A PhD.

**Note 1:** Candidates applying for Doctoral Studies or Postdoctoral Studies should submit:

(i) a brief essay on the future research in the Russian Language (up to 2 pages); and

(ii) a list of published works, if any.

**Note 2:** Candidates applying for Doctoral studies in Medicine should be registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius.

5. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age for Bachelor’s and Specialist degrees, not more than 35 for Master’s degree.
6. **Conditions of Scholarships**

6.1 The scholarship covers a monthly allowance and accommodation in students’ hostels on the same conditions as Russian students.

6.2 Nominated candidates would have to meet expenses pertaining to air travel, transfer from Moscow to the place of study, the mandatory medical insurance (around USD 250 annually), etc.

6.3 It is recommended that candidates also have additional funds to cover expenses during the whole period of study (not less than USD 250 monthly).

6.4 Candidates, if nominated, should produce a copy of their passport which should be valid for a period 18 months as from the date of arrival in Russia.

6.5 **Candidates should produce evidence of being medically fit. Such evidence, including that of being Aids-free, will have to be submitted once they have been nominated.** In case of serious illness, they would be repatriated at their own expense.

6.6 Successful nominees would be expected to be in Russia shortly after delivery of their visa expected in September-October 2013 for Undergraduate and Master’s studies.

6.7 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.

6.8 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 shortlisted.

6.9 The final decision regarding both the award of scholarships and the choice of University 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:  

7.2 Applicants may also submit applications online on the following website:

http://citizen.gov.mu

However, applicants should submit to the Scholarships Section certified copies of all supporting documents after the online application which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

7.3 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 in Rose Hill.

7.4 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest.

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

7.6 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.

7.7 Additional information is available from the Scholarships Section of the Ministry as well as the Embassy of the Russian Federation.

7.8 A Communiqué will be placed on the website of the Ministry in due course to inform applicants that the nomination exercise has been completed.

Ministry of Education and Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix

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