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Date: 21 November 2023

YOUR REF:

From:

Ag. Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and

Technology

To:

Secretary for Foreign Affairs Attn: Mr Danny Aubeeluck

SUBJECT: Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme - Edition 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the 2024 Edition of the Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme is now open.

- In this regard, it would be appreciated if the following documents could be transmitted to the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Education of all member states of the African Union:
 - 1) Call for Application
 - 2) Guidelines for Nominating Agencies
 - 3) Guidelines for Applicants
 - 4) Application forms
 - 5) National Endorsement Form for Ministries/ Nominating Agencies.
- 3. Please note that the above documents are also available for download from the following website: https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarship-Scheme-(MASS)-2024.aspx.
- We thank you for assisting this Ministry in the wide dissemination of information about this call for the Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme 2024 through your networks.

Prof (Dr) Kiran BHUJUN

Director (Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division)

for Ag. Senior Chief Executive

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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Award of Scholarships by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius

The Government of Mauritius offers to award scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries, as per the following criteria;

- For undergraduate programmes, applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 01 January 2025.
- 2. For MPhil/PhD programmes, applicants should not have reached 40 years by 01 January 2025.
- Applicants must have already applied for a full-time on-campus programme (Diploma, Degree, MPhil or PhD) at a public
 Higher Education Institution in Mauritius (listed in Section 8 in the relevant Guidelines for Applicants) for the academic
 year starting in 2024.
- The scholarship will be for a maximum duration as indicated in the table below or the minimum course duration whichever is lesser.

| SN | Programme of Studies | Maximum Duration |
|----|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Undergraduate Diploma | Three (3) years |
| 2 | Undergraduate Degree | |
| 3 | MPhil | Four (4) years |
| 4 | MPhil / PhD | Two (2) years |
| 5 | PhD | Four (4) years + 6 months for the transfer from MPhil to PhD |
| | will a manufacture for the second | Three (3) years |

The Scholarship will support successful candidates in meeting their tuition fees and contributing to their living expenses during their studies in Mauritius. Furthermore, the scholarship covers return airfare by the most economical route. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion of studies.

The following documents are available for download from the following websites (http://ministry-education.govmu.org and http://highereducation.maunitus.com).

Guidelines for Applicants

- This document contains important information regarding the conditions attached to the scholarship, the application procedure, and a list of public Higher Education Institutions in Mauritius where full-time on-campus studies are run. Application Form (Applicants are invited to fill in the form electronically before printing)
- Scholarship applications can only be made on the application form duly filled in.
- An application under this scheme is to be made solely through the nominating agency responsible for processing scholarships in the applicant's country of citizenship.
- Section 5 of the application form should be endorsed and completed by the Nominating Agency in the applicant's country of citizenship.
- Such Nominating Agency, which may typically be part of the Ministry of Education in the country of the applicant, will then shortlist and endorse the applications of a maximum of FIFTEEN (15) eligible candidates (the decision on the distribution of nominees from the undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes rest on the nominating agencies) and submit the duly completed application forms as per the table below:

| Intake | Deadline for electronic submission | Hard copy should reach the Ministry latest by |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| July to September 2024 | 19 April 2024 | 26 April 2024 |

Applications and all supporting documents must be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Mauritius at the address mentioned below for the final selection.

The Senior Chief Executive,

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

(Attn: Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division)

Level 2, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix 73544.

Republic of Mauritius (Email: studymauritius@govmu.org)

November 2023

Note

11.

Direct application to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology will not be entertained. The final decision for the award of a scholarship rests with the Ministry.

The Government of Mauritius reserves the right not to offer any scholarship following this call for application.



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MAURITIUS - AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024 **GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING AGENCIES**

Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius is offering scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of African Commonwealth countries for fulltime, on-campus undergraduate (diploma/degree) and postgraduate (MPhil/PhD) programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Nomination Process

A Nominating Agency is typically part of the Ministry of Education in the country of the applicant. The Nominating Agency must ensure that the applicants meet ALL eligibility criteria and that ALL applications are complete prior to submission to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

1.1 Call for Applications

Nominating Agencies are kindly requested to disseminate the Call for the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme 2024 as extensively as possible and to receive and process applications from candidates. Nominating Agencies shall submit the duly vetted applications for the July/September 2024 intake by the set deadline of 26 April 2024.

All applications are to be made through the Nominating Agency, along with the necessary supporting documents.

1.2 Nomination Procedure

- 1.2.1 Nominating Agencies are required to nominate up to fifteen (15) applicants) for further selection at the level of the Ministry. The decision on the distribution of nominees from the undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes rest on the nominating agencies.
- 1.2.2 Nominating Agencies should ensure that applicants satisfy all eligibility criteria and that the application paperwork is complete.
- 1.2.3 Nomination of ineligible applicants or with incomplete supporting documents will not be considered by the selection committee in Mauritius. Only the best qualified candidates will be selected.
- 1.2.4 Originals of documents listed under Section 6 should be verified for all candidates selected by the Nominating Agencies.
- 1.2.5 Nominating Agencies should ensure that applicants submit the completed Mauritius Africa Scholarship Application Forms with all documents as listed in Section 6. The Nominating Agency is free to set an appropriate deadline to receive application and inform applicants of this deadline. Nominating Agencies are invited to allow for sufficient time for processing and forwarding the documents of nominated candidates to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology. The deadline for these documents to reach Mauritius are as per the table below:

| Intake | Deadline for electronic submission | Hard copy should reach Mauritius by |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| July/September 2024 | 19 April 2024 | 26 April 2024 |

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Deadlines for receipt of nomination lists in Mauritius 1.3

1.3.1 The Nominating Agency is kindly requested to email scanned copies of all documents of up to FIFTEEN (15) eligible candidates to studymauritius@govmu.org at latest by 19 April 2024 for the July/September 2024 intake and then dispatch/courier the complete paper applications directly to:

The Ag. Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Attn: Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division), Level II, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix 73544, Republic of Mauritius

Applications will only be considered complete upon submission of a hard copies, which should be submitted by26 April 2024

- 1.3.2 Nominating Agencies should take necessary measures to ensure that all the application forms and hard copies of supporting documents reach the Ministry of education by the set deadlines. Originals of educational qualifications should NOT be sent by post but have to be produced by the successful candidates on arrival in Mauritius.
- 1.3.3 The Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology will NOT accept nominations that are received after set deadlines.

1.4 **Application Enquiries**

Nominating Agencies are invited to assist applicants who may contact them to obtain details on the application procedure.

2. Application Procedure

2.1 The Application Form

The application form can be downloaded from the following websites: http://ministry-education.govmu.org or http://highereducationmauritius.com

Application to the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

- 2.2.1 All applicants must have applied for at least one full-time on-campus programme at a public HEI of their choice (listed under Section 7). This application must be made as soon as the HEIs open their application windows on their respective websites.
- 2.2.2 An application may either be accompanied by:
 - (a) a conditional offer (letter of admission) from the applicant's chosen Mauritian public HEI;
 - (b) an acknowledgement notice from a Mauritian public HEI that the application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid.
- 2.2.3 Additionally, an application for postgraduate programme must be accompanied by an abridged research plan and, for MPhil/PhD, the name of the proposed supervisor(s) in Mauritius.
- 2.2.4 ALL candidates must submit the fully completed Application Form and documents listed under Section 6 as part of their application to their local Nominating Agency.

Note:

1) Non-submission of the documents as mentioned above, or incorrect or incomplete filling of the application form will result in disqualification of the applicant. Page 2 of 9



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- 2) The Declaration in Section 4 of the Application Form must be signed by the applicant.
- Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts, if not in French or in English, must be submitted along with a certified translation in either one of these two languages.
- 4) Applicants should indicate in Section 3 of the Application Form the title of up to three (3) courses along with their course codes or proposed research, to which they have been admitted or for which they have submitted an application.

3. Eligibility Criteria of Candidates

3.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of your country.

3.2 Age Limit

- 3.2.1 For undergraduate programmes, applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 01 January 2025.
- 3.2.2 For MPhil/PhD programmes, applicants should not have reached 40 years 01 January 2025.

3.3 Required Qualifications

3.3.1 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Diploma Programme

Candidates must have:

Either

(i). A minimum of five (5) credits at School Certificate (S.C), or General Certificate of Education (G.C.E) 'O' Level or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), inclusive of a credit in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note (d) below).

Or (ii). Five (5) 'O' Level passes awarded by any other approved examining body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive of a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note (d) below).

(iii) Qualification equivalent to (i)

Note:

- (a) A pass in English at A level will be acceptable in lieu of English Language at 'O' Level.
- (b) A pass at subsidiary level and/or 'A' Level or equivalent will be acceptable in lieu of a pass at 'O' Level as per (i) and (ii) above.
- (c) Some diploma programmes may have higher qualification requirements than (i) and (ii) and applications will be considered only for candidates meeting the minimum requirements of these programmes.
- (d) In case the language of instruction for the qualifying examination is not English, the candidate will have to provide a valid TOEFL test result with a minimum score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or IELTS with a minimum score of 5.5 or an acceptable proof of English Language proficiency.



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3.3.2 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Undergraduate degree Programme

Candidates should have successfully completed end-of-secondary schooling and should satisfy the minimum grade requirements as indicated below:

- (i) at least 21 points at GCE A-Level which will be computed on the basis of the following grades obtained in three Principal subjects: A+=10, A=9, B=8, C=7 & D=6;
 OR
- (ii) at least an overall average of 60% or an overall average of 12/20; OR
- (iii) qualification equivalent to (i) or (ii) above.

Note:

- 1. Candidates already holding an undergraduate degree will not be considered
- In case the language of instruction for the qualifying examination is not English, the candidate
 will have to provide a valid TOEFL test result with a minimum score of 550 (paper based) or
 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or valid IELTS with a minimum score of 5.5 or an
 acceptable proof of English Language proficiency.

3.3.3 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Postgraduate Programmes

- 3.3.3.1 For PhD programme: direct entry will be allowed to the Higher Education Institution provided the applicants meet the requirement of the Higher Education Institution as per <u>section 1.6</u> of the Guidelines for Applicants.
- 3.3.3.2 For MPhil or MPhil / PhD programme: A recognised undergraduate degree with at least an upper second class degree (or CPA / GPA greater than 60%) and preferably with a masters' degree and meeting the requirement of the Higher Education Institution as per section 1.6 of the Guidelines for Applicants

The onus to provide an equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.

Note:

- i. Candidates should submit their abridged research plan along with their application.
- Candidates applying for doctoral studies must provide the name and written acceptance of their proposed supervisor(s). PhD applicants are requested to contact potential supervisors on the link/emails provided at section 8.3.
- 3.3.3 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius are NOT eligible to apply for the same programme level where they are currently studying under this Scholarship Scheme.

3.4 Nominations by the Agency shall not be made for:

- Top-up degree programmes;
- · Foundation programmes;
- Part-time courses;
- · Distance Education programmes; or
- Mixed/blended modes (distance and on-campus learning).

4. Shortlisting by the Nominating Agency and Evaluation Process.



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- After receiving applications, Nominating Agencies may:
 - 1 select and nominate up to fifteen (15) candidates. The decision on the distribution of nominees from the undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes rest on the nominating agencies
 - 2 endorse them on the National Endorsement Form; and
 - 3 subsequently transmit the application forms and National Endorsement Form to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Mauritius.
- 4.2 To be eligible for the Scholarship, your candidates should have your endorsement on both the Application Form and on the National Endorsement Form.
- Selection of candidates for the Scholarship 4.3
 - Selection of candidates for the Scholarship will be based on merit;
 - 2. The list of successful applicants for each Member State will be communicated to their respective Nominating Agencies and a communique will be placed on the Mauritian Ministry of Education's website once the selection process has been completed; and
 - 3. The Ministry of Education in Mauritius will, thereafter, issue the successful applicants with a scholarship Agreement Form which is to be signed and submitted to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, upon appointment, within two (2) weeks of their arrival in Mauritius.
- 4.4 The Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Mauritius reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Call or not to offer scholarship(s) as a result of this Call for Applications.
- 4.5 Nominating Agencies are kindly requested to advise applicants that they have been nominated for a scholarship as soon as they have been officially so informed by the Government of Mauritius. For this purpose, Nominating Agencies must clearly indicate their contact details (including email address) on the completed National Endorsement Form.
- 5. Financial Conditions of the Scholarship
- 5.1 Tuition fees and course-related costs
- 5.1.1 This scholarship provides for annual payment of fees and other studies-related costs (e.g. general/annual fees and miscellaneous fees, etc.) as per grid below:

| SN | Beneficiaries from | Applicable Rate | Total fee payable |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | SADC Countries | Local Fees | MUR100,000 |
| 2 | Non-SADC Countries | International Fees | MUR160,000 |

(as at 15 November 2023, 1 USD = MUR 44.66)

5.1.2 Awardees will NOT be allowed to transfer to another HEI or shift course of study once they have been granted the Scholarship.

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- 5.1.3 Tuition fees and other studies-related costs in excess of the amounts mentioned above shall be borne by the awardee.
- 5.1.4 The costs incurred for any examination re-sit or repeat of any academic year will be borne by the student.
- 5.1.5 The scholarship will be for a maximum duration as indicated in the table below or the minimum course duration whichever is lesser.

| SN | Programme of Studies | Maximum Duration |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Undergraduate Diploma | Three (3) years |
| 2 | Undergraduate Degree | Four (4) years |
| 3 | MPhil | Two (2) years |
| 4 | MPhil / PhD | Four (4) years + 6 months for the transfer from |
| 5 | DL D | MPhil to PhD |
| | PhD | Three (3) years |

- 5.1.6 No request for additional grants will be entertained.
- 5.1.7 Any costs pertaining to fieldwork overseas or the purchase of books, etc will have to be borne by the student.

5.2 Living allowance

- 5.2.1 Awardees are expected to come to Mauritius with sufficient funds (approximately USD 1000) to meet expenses during the initial phase of their stay (about three (3) months), while formalities are being completed locally.
- 5.2.2 A monthly living allowance of MUR 14,200 will be paid to awardees as part support to meet their living expenses. Students are expected to supplement this amount to cover the cost of living in Mauritius. This allowance will be credited to the awardee's bank account in Mauritius on a monthly basis, subject to the submission of evidence of enrolment and satisfactory attendance in the study programme by the HEI.
- 5.2.3 The payment of allowances during the final year of enrolment in the study programme will cover, on a pro-rata basis, a period of two (2) weeks following the final day of examinations.
- 5.2.4 Awardees should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in writing, preferably two (2) weeks in advance, in case they have to leave Mauritius for any reason.

5.3 Other Conditions

- 5.3.1 The awardees should:
 - abide by latest government regulations regarding public health
 - ii. abide to the protocols setup by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius;
 - be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius by the start of the academic year of the respective institution in which they have been admitted;
 - not be in receipt of or not have received a scholarship from any other public source in Mauritius (including from Higher Education Commission, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, Higher Education Institutions, etc.); and
- undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (http://passport.govmu.org), in any of the public hospitals in Mauritius and the tests results shall

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be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office, with a copy to the Ministry, not later than one month after arrival in Mauritius.

Note: The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant to undergo any such other medical tests as it deems fit.

6. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form;
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate;
- Certified copy of bio-data page of passport, if available;
- Certified copies of educational certificates;
- Certified copies of transcripts:
- SARA SET DA LABORATION Medical certificate duly filled-in and signed by a registered medical Practitioner in Section 6 of the Application Form. This should be appropriately stamped or sealed;
- Copy of letter of conditional offer by a public Higher education institution in Mauritius (if available at time of application) OR copy of acknowledgement notice from the Mauritian public HEI that an application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid; and
- Abridged Research plan for candidates opting for a doctoral study.
- Supporting statement from a named supervisor from a University in Mauritius for PhD candidates.

7. List of Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and their Tentative Application windows

7.1 Application for the July/September 2024 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

| Institution | Tentative application window | | Start of the | Website to submit application | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Opening | Closing | Academic Year 2024 | | | |
| University of | January | March | 17 June | https | ://uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-at- | |
| Mauritius | Mauritius 2024 2024 2024 | | The second secon | uom | /admissions/programmes-on- | |
| | 1.00 | editar 1 | (Tentative) | offer | /international-applicants | |
| University of | November | July | 07 | https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/ | | nt/View/ |
| Technology, Mauritius | 2023 | 2024 | October 2024 | The | following programmes are on o | ffer: |
| | 10 | -1 | (Tentative) | S | Programmes | School |
| | of Torontal | | rit ser i se | 1 | BSc (Hons) Management - General; | |
| | | | lexe-page | 2 | BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance - ACCA, ICAEW accredited; | School of Busines |
| on worth | 1 200 | steps vil | 14.5 | 3 | BSc (Hons) Management (Marketing); | s, Manage |
| | 100000 | 5-4 | The said | 4 . | BSc (Hons) Management (Law); | ment |
| | topic topic | 1 | to | 5 | BSc (Hens) Human Resource Management; | and Finance |
| | | | 1.000 | 6 | BSc (Hons) Banking and International Finance; | |



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| | | | | 7 BA (Hons) Counselling; | School of Sustains |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | | | 8 BSc (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality Management: | ble | |
| li e | | | 1 8 | 9 BSc (Hons) Software Engineering: | School |
| | 1 | | Telling) | BSc (Hons) Web Technologies; | of Innovati |
| · 李 新 | 4 | | | BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Network Security; | e ve of Technol |
| | | -15- | | 1 2 BA (Hons) Graphics Design. | ogies and Enginee ring |
| Academy of Design and Innovation | -1, -1 | | | http://www.adi.ac.mu | |
| Université des Mascareignes | January 2024 | April 2024 | Mid- August 2024 | www.udm.ac.mu | |
| Mahatma Gandhi Institute | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 (Tentative) | By email: admissions@mgl.ac.mu | |
| Rabindranath Tagore Institute | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 (Tentative) | By email: admissions@mgi.ac.mu | |
| Mauritius Institute of Training and Development | April 2024 | May 2024 | May 2025 | www.mitd.mu | · · |
| Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd | January 2024 | May 2024 | October 2024 | www.poly.ac.mu | 1020 |
| Mauritius Institute of Iducation | January 2024 | April 2024 | April 2025 | http://apply.mie.mu | |

7.2 PhD applicants are requested to contact potential Supervisors on the following link/emails.

| Institution | Tentative a wind | A STATE OF THE REAL PROPERTY. | Intake | Website to submit application | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Opening | Closing | | | |
| University of Mauritius | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 = (Tentative) | https://uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-al- uom/admissions/programmes-on- offer/international-applicants | |
| University of Technology, Mauritius | November 2023 | July 2024 | 07 October 2024 (Tentative) | https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/View | |
| Université des Mascareignes | January 2024 | April 2024 | Mid-August 2024 | https://udm.ac.mu/phd-courses/ | |
| Mauritius Institute of Education | January 2024 | April 2024 | April 2025 | http://apply.mie.mu | |



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8. Summary of Selection Criteria

The nominations submitted will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- A. Duly completed application form;
- B. Evidence of application for enrolment in a public HEI;
- C. The age criteria of the applicant at the closing date of application;
- D. The minimum qualification requirements mentioned in SECTION 3.3 of this document;
- E. Certified copies of academic transcripts/mark sheets;
- F. Medical clearance;
- G. Endorsement by the Nominating Agency of the country of citizenship of the applicant; and
- H. The abridged research plan submitted by postgraduate applicants.

9. Nominating Agency enquiries

Nominating Agencies may contact the Ministry for any queries or additional information on this

Scheme at: Email: studymauritius@govmu.org

Telephone: +230 601 5299

Fax: +230 696 5564

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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Diploma and Undergraduate degree

Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius is offering scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries for full-time, on-campus **undergraduate** (diploma/degree) programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals are NOT eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

1.2.1 Applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 01 January 2025

1.3 Required Qualifications

1.3.1 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Diploma Programme

Candidates must have:

Either

(i). A minimum of five (5) credits at School Certificate (S.C), or General Certificate of Education (G.C.E) 'O' Level or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), inclusive of a credit in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per para 1.3.3 below).

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(ii). Five (5) 'O' Level passes awarded by any other approved examination body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive of a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per para 1.3.3 below).

Or

(iii) Qualification equivalent to (i) above.

Note:

- (a) A pass in English at A-level will be acceptable in lieu of English Language at 'O' Level.
- (b) A pass at subsidiary level and/or 'A' Level or equivalent will be acceptable in lieu of a pass at 'O' Level as per (i) and (ii) above.
- (c) Some diploma programmes may have higher qualification requirements than those mentioned above and applications will be considered only for candidates meeting the minimum requirements of these programmes.
- (d) Candidates already holding a diploma will not be considered.
- (e) For those coming from a French speaking country at least an overall average of 60% or an overall average of 12/20;

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1.3.2 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Undergraduate degree Programme:

Candidates should have successfully completed end-of-secondary schooling and should satisfy the minimum grade requirements as indicated below:

- at least 21 points at GCE or HSC A-Level which will be computed on the basis
 of the following grades obtained in three Principal subjects: A+=10, A=9, B=8,
 C=7 & D=6; OR
- (ii) at least an overall average of 60% or an overall average of 12/20; OR
- (iii) qualification equivalent to (i) or (ii) above.

Note:

Candidates already holding an undergraduate degree will not be considered

- 1.3.3 In case the language of instruction in the qualifying examination is not English, the candidate will have to provide a valid TOEFL test result with a minimum score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or valid IELTS test results with a minimum score of 5.5 or an acceptable proof of English Language proficiency. Selected candidates will be requested to have a verbal interaction virtually prior to the award of the scholarship.
- 1.3.4 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius will NOT be eligible to apply for the same programme level under this Scholarship Scheme.

1.3.5 Scholarships will NOT be awarded for:

- Top-up degree programmes;
- Foundation programmes;
- Part-time courses; or
- Distance Education programmes;
- Mixed/ Blended modes (Distance Learning and on campus learning)

2. Application Procedure

2.1 The Application Form

The application form can be obtained from the websites below and must be filled in electronically, printed and then signed:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org or http://highereducationmauritius.com

2.2 Application to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

2.2.1 All applicants must have already applied for at least one full-time on-campus programme at a public HEI of their choice (listed under **Section 8**). This application must be made as soon as the HEIs have opened their application windows on their respective websites.

An applicant may either:

- (a) obtain a *conditional offer* (letter of admission) from their chosen Mauritian public HEI and submit this along with the scholarship application: OR
- (b) submit a receipt of payment of the application fee from their chosen Mauritian public HEI along with the scholarship application.

Note: The application fee shall be refunded to successful applicants

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| SN | Programme of Studies | Maximum Duration |
|----|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Undergraduate Diploma | Three (3) years 11 for a |
| 2 | Undergraduate Degree | Four (4) years |

- 4.1.6 No request for an extension of scholarship will be entertained. The applicant will have to bear the cost of any expenses incurred beyond the time frames mentioned above.
- 4.1.7 No request for additional grants will be entertained.

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- 4.2.4 An awardee should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance if he/she has to leave Mauritius for any reason.

4.3 Other conditions

The awardees should:

- abide by the latest government regulations regarding public health;
- ii. abide by the protocols set up by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius;
- be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius as per the regulations of the respective institution to which they have been enrolled;
- not be in receipt of or not have received a scholarship from any other public source in Mauritius (including from Higher Education Commission, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, Higher Education Institutions, etc.); and
- v. not later than one month after arrival in Mauritius, to undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (http://passport.govmu.org) in any public hospital in Mauritius, and the test results shall be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office, with a copy to the Ministry.

Note: The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant undergo any other medical tests as it deems fit.

5. Travel to and from Mauritius

5.1 Student Visa and Travel Documents

- 5.1.1 Prior to an awardee's arrival in Mauritius, the HEI, where the student has secured a seat, will apply for a student visa with the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) in Mauritius.
- 5.1.2 For visa application procedures, the awardee must liaise with the HEI where s/he has secured a place.



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- 5.1.3 The PIO will process the student visa application and issue a provisional entry permit valid for three (3) months to enable the student to travel to Mauritius.
- 5.1.4 Issuing a provisional entry permit and student visa is subject to the immigration laws and policies prevailing in Mauritius.
- 5.1.5 The awardee must ensure that s/he holds a provisional entry permit issued by the PIO before travelling to Mauritius
- 5.1.6 Students must have a passport valid for the whole duration of the course enrolled.
- 5.1.7 The scholarship also covers a return airfare by the most economical route. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion.
- 5.1.8 Awardees must make their own arrangements to pay for their one-way air tickets and then apply for a refund upon arrival in Mauritius by providing the necessary original receipts issued in their name and documentation. Those awardees travelling from countries that require a return ticket as a condition of their exit immigration at the point of departure will have to make arrangements for the same at their own cost.

The cost of the cancellation penalty fees of this return ticket will be refunded to the awardee by the authorities in Mauritius.

Note: Reimbursement of air ticket cost.

The authorities in Mauritius will refund airfare from the awardee's country to Mauritius by the most economical route.

- 5.1.9 Students should inform in writing the HEI to which they have been admitted of their travel schedule well in advance.
- 5.1.10 Students who choose to have their family members, relatives, or friends join them for visits to Mauritius will be fully responsible for their airfare, living expenses and any other related expenses.
- 5.1.11 If a HEI terminates a student's enrolment or if a student decides to return to his/her country of citizenship before the completion of the course, the awardee will NOT be entitled to a return ticket. This cost will have to be borne by the awardee.
- 5.1.12 The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to their travel during vacation time.
- 5.1.13 The awardee will sign an undertaking to leave Mauritius as soon as their programme of study ends.

5.2 Health and Travel Insurances

Beneficiaries are entitled to free health care in public hospitals in Mauritius. The awardees will have to make arrangements for health and travel insurance.

5.3 Accommodation

Awardees will have to make prior arrangements with the HEI in Mauritius regarding available accommodation facilities.

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6. Other conditions of the Scholarship

6.1 Submission of Progress Reports

The HEI will submit quarterly attendance and progress reports for the continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Higher Education Commission and copied to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

6.2 Renewal of Scholarship

- 6.2.1 Scholarships will be renewable yearly, subject to the successful completion of the previous year of study and subsequent enrolment into the following year.
- 6.2.2 The Government of Mauritius will discontinue scholarship disbursements if the student is not promoted to the next academic year. Scholarship disbursement will only be resumed upon submission of documents certifying that the awardee has cleared any academic backlog and is enrolled in the following academic year.

6.3 Termination of scholarship

The scholarship may be terminated for unsatisfactory conduct, submission of fake documents, poor progress or attendance, breach of the HEI Rules and Regulations or any breach of the Mauritian laws. The awardee will have to leave the country within two weeks of termination.

If a student is declared medically unfit by a government-approved medical practitioner, the Government of Mauritius reserves the right to cause the studies to be interrupted, subject to the regulations in force in the HEI, and send the student back to the country of origin. All expenses under MASS will be suspended and resume once the student returns to Mauritius.

7. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Certified copy of biodata page of passport
- Certified copies of educational certificates
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Copy of letter of conditional offer by a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius (if available at time of application) OR Copy of receipt from a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius; and
- Medical certificate to be duly filled and signed by a registered Medical Practitioner in Section 6 of the Application Form. This should be appropriately stamped and signed.

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8. LIST OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) AND THEIR TENTATIVE APPLICATION WINDOWS

Application for the July/September 2024 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

| Institution | Tentative application window Opening Closing | | Start of the | Wet | osite to submit application | A CONTRACTOR |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | Academic Year 2024 | | | |
| University of Mauritius | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 (Tentative | https | s://uom.ac.mu/index.php/study- /admissions/programmes-on- | at- |
| University of Technology, Mauritius | November 2023 | July 2024 | 07 October 2024 | http | /international-applicants s://admission.utm.ac.mu/Stu | or the second second |
| | | | (Tentative) | The following programmes are on offer: SN Programmes School | | |
| | | | | 1 | BSc (Hons) Management - General: | School |
| | | | | 2 | BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance - ACCA, ICAEW accredited: | |
| 17. | | | | 3 | BSc (Hons) Management (Marketing); | School of Business, Management |
| | 100 | | | 4 | BSc (Hons) Management (Law); BSc (Hons) Human Resource | and Finance |
| | 1 | | | 5 | Management; | |
| | | | | 6 | BSc (Hons) Banking and International Finance; | |
| | | - | | 7 | BA (Hons) Counselling; | School of Sustainable |
| | | 32 | | 8 | BSc (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality Management; | Development and Tourism |
| | | | | 9 | BSc (Hons) Software Engineering; | School of |
| 1 | 1 | | | 10 | BSc (Hons) Web Technologies; | Innovative of |
| | | | | 11 | BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Network Security; | Technologies and |
| | | | | 12 | BA (Hons) Graphics Design. | Engineering |
| Academy of Design and Innovation | | | | http:// | www.adi.ac.mu | |
| Iniversité des lascareignes | January 2024 | April 2024 | Mid- August 2024 | www.t | udm,ac,mu | |
| fahatma Sandhi Institute | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 (Tentative) | By en | nail: admissions@mgi.ac.mu | |
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| Mauritius Institute of Training and Development | April 2024 | May 2024 | May 2025 | www.mitd.mu |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd | January 2024 | May 2024 | October 2024 | www.poly.ac.mu |
| Mauritius Institute of Education | January 2024 | April 2024 | April 2025 | http://apply.mie.mu |

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MAURITIUS AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS MPhil / PhD PROGRAMMES

Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius is offering scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries for full-time, on-campus **MPhil/PhD** programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals are NOT eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

Applicants should not have reached 40 years by 01 January 2025.

1.3 Required Qualifications

- 1.3.1 For PhD programme: direct entry will be allowed to the Higher Education Institution provided the applicants meet the requirements (indicated in Section 1.6) of the Higher Education Institution.
- 1.3.2 For MPhil or MPhil / PhD programme: A recognised undergraduate degree with at least an upper second class degree (or CPA / GPA greater than 60%) and preferably with a Masters' degree and meeting the requirement of the Higher Education Institution as per section 1.6

Conditions:

Applicant must have a confirmed seat at the university for consideration of an award at the time of final selection.

Note:

- The onus to provide an equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.
- ii. At the time of the application, candidates must provide the name and written acceptance of their proposed supervisor(s). The list of research themes/ research interests can be consulted from the websites of the different HEIs (refer to <u>section 1.6</u>).
- Candidates should submit an Abridged Research Proposal, as per the format below, along with their application.

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Format of Abridged Research Proposal

- Proposed Title of Research
- Aims/Objectives of your Research (max 200 words)
- 3 Background and significance of your research (max 200 words)
- Brief description of Methodology, indicating clearly how you intend to conduct the research and the data collection (Max 300 words)
- 5 Tentative timeframe of your study with an emphasis on data collection.
- 6 Any equipment, Lab, software... that will be required
- 7 Name and contact details of identified supervisors in Mauritius
- 1.4 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius will NOT be eligible to apply for the same programme level under this Scholarship Scheme.
- 1.5 Scholarships will NOT be awarded for:
 - Applicants already holding a PhD;
 - · Part-time courses; or
 - Distance education programmes;

1.6 Requirements of the different Higher Education Institutions

1.6.1 University of Mauritius

Entry Requirements

MPhil or MPhil/PhD: A Bachelor with Honours with at least a 2nd Class in the relevant field or equivalent.

PhD: MPhil research degree or equivalent in the relevant field.

Duration

| Mode | /Duration | MPhil | MPhil/PhD | PhD |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
| Full time | Minimum (months) | 24 | 36 | 24 |
| r un time | Maximum (months) | 36 | 60 | 48 |

Contact

List to potential supervisors for MPhil/Ph.D. studies on http://www.uom.ac.mu/Images/Files/Research/themes.pdf

1.6.2 University of Technology, Mauritius

Entry Requirements

MPhil or MPhil/PhD: A Bachelor with Honours with at least a 2nd Class in the 1st Division or equivalent

PhD: A Bachelor with Honours Degree and a Master's Degree or equivalent, with at least one of the degrees being in the field of Doctoral study

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| Mode/[| Duration | MPhil | MPhil/PhD | PhD | |
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Contact

List to potential supervisors for MPhil/PhD studies

https://www.utm.ac.mu/utm/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/LIST-OF-POTENTIAL-SUPERVISORS-FOR-THE-UNIVERSITY-OF-TECHNOLOGY-word-version.pdf

For any query, kindly contact Prof. C. BOKHOREE, Head of Doctoral School, hosds@utm.ac.mu

1.6.3 Universite des Mascareignes

Entry Requirements

At least an Upper Second class Honours degree (or overseas equivalent) in a

related subject area for entry.

At least an Upper Second class Honours degree (or overseas equivalent) in a MPhil/PhD

related subject area for entry.

PhD An MPhil or a Master's degree (or overseas equivalent) in a related subject

area for entry.

Duration

MPhil

| Mode/E | Ouration | MPhil | MPhil/PhD | PhD | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-----|--|
| Full time | Minimum (months) | 12 | 24 | 24 | |
| r un time | Maximum (months) | 24 | 42 | 42 | |

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For any query, kindly contact Dr. S. PEEROO, Head of Doctoral School, speeroo@udm.ac.mu

1.6.4 Mauritius Institute of Education

MPhil/ Full Time Programme:

- (a) Master of Philosophy in Education, MPhil (Ed) Programme Full-time
- (b) Master of Philosophy in Mathematics Education, MPhil (ME) programme Fulltime

Entry Requirements

- 2nd Class Honours degree or above in the relevant field, which includes a (i) dissertation/research project;
- Either a Master's Degree in a related field with a substantial research (ii) component:

Or a postgraduate award which includes the completion of a research project; Or evidence of research experience;

Or professional experience, which can be considered equivalent in terms of research skills acquired and capacity for independent work.

Duration

Full-time: Minimum 15 months. Maximum: 30 months.

Contact

- (a) Master of Philosophy in Education, MPhil (Ed) Programme Full-time Dr Hyleen Mariaye, h.mariaye@mie.ac.mu
- (b) Master of Philosophy in Mathematics Education, MPhil (ME) Programme -Full-time

Dr Ajay Ramful, a.ramful@mie.ac.mu

2. Application Procedure

The Application Form 2.1

The application form can be obtained from the websites below and must be filled in electronically, printed and then signed:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org or http://highereducationmauritius.com

2.2 Application to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) the property of the second property of the second of the second of the second of

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- abide by the protocols set up by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to ii.
- be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius as per the regulations iii. of the respective institution to which they have been enrolled;
- not be in receipt of or not have received a scholarship from any other public source in iv. Mauritius (including from Higher Education Commission, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, Higher Education Institutions, etc.); and V.
- not later than one month after arrival in Mauritius, to undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (http://passport.govmu.org) in any public hospital in Mauritius, and the test results shall be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office, with a copy to the Ministry.

Note: The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant undergo any other medical tests

Travel to and from Mauritius

Student Visa and Travel Documents

- 5.1.1 Prior to an awardee's arrival in Mauritius, the HEI, where the student has secured a seat, will apply for a student visa with the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) in Mauritius.
- 5.1.2 For visa application procedures, the awardee must liaise with the HEI where s/he has secured a place.
- 5.1.3 The PIO will process the student visa application and issue a provisional entry permit valid for three (3) months to enable the student to travel to Mauritius.
- 5.1.4 Issuing a provisional entry permit and student visa is subject to the immigration laws and policies prevailing in Mauritius.
- 5.1.5 The awardee must ensure that s/he holds a provisional entry permit issued by the PIO before travelling to Mauritius
- 5.1.6 Students must have a passport valid for the whole duration of the course enrolled.
- 5.1.7 The scholarship also covers a return airfare by the most economical route. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion.
- 5.1.8 Awardees must make their own arrangements to pay for their one-way air tickets and then apply for a refund upon arrival in Mauritius by providing the necessary original receipts issued in their name and documentation. Those awardees travelling from countries that require a return ticket as a condition of their exit immigration at the point of departure will have to make arrangements for the same at their own cost. The cost of the cancellation penalty fees of this return ticket will be refunded to the

awardee by the authorities in Mauritius.

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Note: Reimbursement of air ticket cost.

The authorities in Mauritius will refund airfare from the awardee's country to Mauritius by the most economical route.

- 5.1.9 Students should inform in writing the HEI to which they have been admitted of their travel schedule well in advance.
- 5.1.10 Students who choose to have their family members, relatives, or friends join them for visits to Mauritius will be fully responsible for their airfare, living expenses and any other related expenses.
- 5.1.11 If a HEI terminates a student's enrolment or if a student decides to return to his/her country of citizenship before the completion of the course, the awardee will NOT be entitled to a return ticket. This cost will have to be borne by the awardee.
- 5.1.12 The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to their travel during vacation time.
- 5.1.13 The awardee will sign an undertaking to leave Mauritius as soon as their programme of study ends.

5.2 Health and Travel Insurance

Beneficiaries are entitled to free health care in public hospitals in Mauritius. The awardees will have to make arrangements for health and travel insurance.

5.3 Accommodation

Awardees will have to make prior arrangements with the HEI in Mauritius regarding available accommodation facilities.

6. Other conditions of the Scholarship

6.1 Submission of Progress Reports

The HEI will submit quarterly attendance and progress reports for the continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Higher Education Commission and copied to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

6.2 Renewal of Scholarship

- 6.2.1 Scholarships will be renewable yearly, subject to the successful completion of the previous year of study and subsequent enrolment into the following year.
- 6.2.2 The Government of Mauritius will discontinue scholarship disbursements if the student is not promoted to the next academic year. Scholarship disbursement will only be resumed upon submission of documents certifying that the awardee has cleared any academic backlog and is enrolled in the following academic year or if the progress of research work is satisfactory.

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6.3 Termination of scholarship / Interruption of studies

The scholarship may be terminated for unsatisfactory conduct, submission of fake documents, poor progress or attendance, breach of the HEI Rules and Regulations or any breach of the Mauritian laws. The awardee will have to leave the country within two weeks of termination.

If a student is declared medically unfit by a government-approved medical practitioner, the Government of Mauritius reserves the right to cause the studies to be interrupted, subject to the regulations in force in the HEI, and send the student back to the country of origin. All expenses under MASS will be suspended and resume once the student returns to Mauritius.

7. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Certified copy of biodata page of passport
- Certified copies of educational certificates

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- Certified copies of transcripts
- Copy of receipt from a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius;
- Medical certificate to be duly filled and signed by a registered Medical Practitioner in Section 6 of the Application Form. This should be appropriately stamped and signed.

8. LIST OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) AND THEIR TENTATIVE APPLICATION WINDOWS

Application for the July/September 2024 Intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

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| University of Mauritius | January 2024 | March 2024 | 17 June 2024 (Tentative) | https://uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-at- uom/admissions/programmes-on- offer/international-applicants |
| University of Technology, Mauritius | November 2023 | July 2024 | 07 October 2024 (Tentative) | https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/View |
| Université des Mascareignes | January 2024 | April 2024 | Mid-August 2024 | https://udm.ac.mu/phd-courses/ |
| Mauritius Institute of Education | January 2024 | April 2024 | April 2025 | http://apply.mie.mu |

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The duly completed application form should be submitted through the Nominating Agency of the respective countries. A list of Nominating Agencies can be found on the website of this Ministry at https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarship-Scheme-(MASS)-2024.aspx.

No direct application to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology will be entertained.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

| Application Form (Section 1 to 6) duly filled | |
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| Copy of Birth Certificate | |
| Copy of biodata page of passport, if available | |
| Copies of end of secondary school level educational certificates (e.g GCE 'O' level or IGCSE or A level or Baccalaureate) | |
| Copies of transcripts of end-of-secondary school results | |
| Endorsement by Nominating Agency (Section 5) | |
| Medical certificate filled and signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner (Section 6) | |
| Copy of letter of conditional offer by a public higher education institution in Mauritius OR opy of acknowledgement notice from the HEI | |

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES SHOULD NOT BE SENT WITH THE APPLICATION FORM

Further information

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SECTION FOUR: DECLARATION

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

If I am awarded a scholarship under the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme, I agree that the scholarship may be terminated if I do not comply with the conditions attached to it. I will also abide by the 'Guidelines for Applicants' and understand that I:

will be eligible for tuition fees (paid directly to the HEI) as per grid below;

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- · will be eligible for an assistance to meet living expenses of not more than MU14,200 monthly:
- · will be eligible for refund of the student airfare (economy class) by the most economical route to Mauritius at the start, and airfare to my home country upon successful completion of studies;
- will accept the scholarship only for the approved study programme for which it is offered and that no changes whatsoever will be allowed;
- will comply with the rules and regulations of the Higher Education Institution;
- will agree to the disclosure of information pertaining to my academic progress to the relevant Mauritian authorities for administrative purposes;
- · will have to comply with all the laws of Mauritius, including immigration laws, and I will be solely responsible for my actions;
- will leave Mauritius at the end of my studies;

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SECTION FIVE: NOMINATING AGENCY ENDORSEMENT This section is to be completed by an authorised officer of the Nominating Agency in the country of citizenship of the applicant. As the Nominating Agency on behalf of the Government in the country of origin of the applicant, I nominate (fill in Name of Applicant): for a Mauritius-Africa Scholarship on behalf of the Government of: (fill in Country name) Name of Authorising Officer Name of Official **Nominating Agency** (e.g Ministry of Education) Position Email Website (if any) Signature Date Official Stamp/Seal

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SECTION FOUR: DECLARATION

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

If I am awarded a scholarship under the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme, I agree that the scholarship may be terminated if I do not comply with the conditions attached to it. I will also abide by the 'Guidelines for Applicants' and understand that I:

will be eligible for tuition fees (paid directly to the HEI) as per grid below;

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- will be eligible for an assistance to meet living expenses of not more than MU14,200 monthly;
- · will be eligible for refund of the student airfare (economy class) by the most economical route to Mauritius at the start, and airfare to my home country upon successful completion of studies;
- will accept the scholarship only for the approved study programme for which it is offered and that no changes whatsoever will be allowed;
- will comply with the rules and regulations of the Higher Education Institution;
- will agree to the disclosure of information pertaining to my academic progress to the relevant Mauritian authorities for administrative purposes;
- will have to comply with all the laws of Mauritius, including immigration laws, and I will be solely responsible for my actions;
- will leave Mauritius at the end of my studies;

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| This section must be completed and Note that incomplete, inadequate applicant's elimination from co | signed by the applicant. or inaccurate filling of the form may result in the onsideration. Any false information given or nation may lead to termination of the scholarship. |
| I,undersigned, declare that the particul I have not willfully suppressed any ma | ars in this application are true and accurate, and that aterial fact. |
| Date: | Signature: |

SECTION FIVE: NOMINATING AGENCY ENDORSEMENT This section is to be completed by an authorised officer of the Nominating Agency in the country of citizenship of the applicant. As the Nominating Agency on behalf of the Government in the country of origin of the applicant, I nominate (fill in Name of Applicant): for a Mauritius-Africa Scholarship on behalf of the Government of: (fill in Country name) Name of Authorising Officer Name of Official **Nominating Agency** (e.g Ministry of Education) Position Email Website (if any) Signature Date Official Stamp/Seal

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MAURITIUS-AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024 NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT FORM

(To be completed only by the Nominating Agency or the Education Ministry under their letterhead)

To: Ag. Senior Chief Executive

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

(Attn: Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division)

Level 2, MITD House, Pont Fer

Phoenix 73544 Mauritius

This is to certify that the following candidates are the National Nominees under the 2024 Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme:

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