

COMMUNIQUE

GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS 2017

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian Nationals for scholarships tenable in Sri Lanka available at **undergraduate level**, commencing in November 2017.

2. Fields of Study

Applicants are advised to consult:

- (i) the list of fields and universities for which the scholarship programmes are available on the website of the Ministry of Education and Highways of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) Indicative Priority Fields of Study 2017/2019 available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ground Floor of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, MITD House, Phoenix, or on the following website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

Note : Scholarships are not open for courses of Medical and Dental Sciences and Engineering.

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Qualifications

3.1.1 For Undergraduate:

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in five subjects including English Language obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC in three subjects at Principal level and a pass in General Paper obtained at one and the same sitting.

Or

An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to the above. It is the responsibility of candidates to provide any relevant documentation relating to the equivalence of certificates.

3.2 Nationality

Candidates having Sri Lanka dual citizenship is not eligible to apply.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached 25 years of age by 08 May 2017.

5. Scholarships Benefits

- I. Free of charge tuition and registration.
- II. Free visa for studies
- III. One-off settlement allowance of LKR 10,000/=
- IV. A monthly living allowance of LKR 30,000/= during the study period.
- V. Reimbursement of cost of air fare (economy class) to come to Sri Lanka and return to his/her country after successful completion of studies (Payment is made for original bills only).
 - *Kindly note that all above payments are made in LKR.*
- VI. Free of charge medical facilities at government hospitals for conditions other than dental related diseases.

6. Other requirements

- (i) Nominated candidates should submit a health certificate issued by a government hospital of his/her country **(To this effect candidates are to use the Sri Lankan form on Ministry's website - <http://ministry-education.govmu.org>);**
- (ii) Every successful candidate is required to undergo HIV/AIDS test in Mauritius and the report should be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways at latest a month after arrival;
- (iii) Applicants should also submit a character certificate upon nomination. Candidates are advised to initiate early measures for the obtention of the said character certificate from the relevant Mauritian Authorities.

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, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix. The Application Form (Local Application Form) can also be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

7.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 14.00 hours at latest.**

7.3 All candidates should ensure that **certified** copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section, along with their applications. **Non-submission of same by the closing date 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 Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill.

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

7.5 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.***

8. Additional Information

- 8.1 Additional information is available on the website of the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways of Sri Lanka at:-
- www.mohe.gov.lk
- 8.2 Candidates who have not been informed of their nomination within six weeks of the closing date for submission of application should consider that they have not been selected.
- 8.3 Nomination by the Ministry does not guarantee receipt of the award as the final decision to grant the awards rests with the donor country.
8. A Communiqué will be placed on the Ministry's website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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