

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AGRICULTURE FELLOWSHIPS FOR MSc AND PhD PROGRAMMES UNDER IAFS III - SESSION 2017-2018

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of **scholarships** for MSc and PhD Programmes in the field of agriculture under the Third India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS III) in line with the decisions adopted.

The scholarships provide fellowship, hostel accommodation (by University), medical insurance and airfare to the selected participants.

2. Eligibility Requirements

A. For Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in General Paper**; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree in the relevant field.

B. MPhil./PhD

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting and a **pass in General Paper**;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A Master's degree.

OR

- C. An alternative/equivalent qualification to **A** and **B** acceptable by the relevant Indian Authorities. The onus for the provision of equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.

3. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than **35 years of age** for Master's and **40 years of age** for Doctoral Studies by the closing date of submission of applications.

4. 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. Wrongly filled, incomplete application forms

or/and non-submission of certified copies of relevant documents will result in their elimination from the selection exercise. Certification of documents can be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill. The certified copies of all documents **(if not in English) should be accompanied with their corresponding English translation**.

- 4.1 In case they are selected, candidates will need to submit the **Certificate of Fitness** endorsed by a Registered Medical Practitioner to the Scholarships Section. In this respect, **candidates are advised to make prior arrangements so that this certificate is submitted at the time of notification of selection**. The template for the Certificate of Fitness can be downloaded from the Ministry's website at:

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

- 4.2 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research (Scholarships Section), 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.
- 4.3 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 shortlisted.

5. Mode of Application

- 5.1 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, or which may be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

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

- 5.2 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Friday 23 June 2017 at 14.00 hours at latest**.
- 5.3 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 5.4 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 together with the applications.

- 5.5 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
- 5.6 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. Indian Universities/Educational Institutions are autonomous and independent and hence, have their own eligibility criteria.
- 5.7 The Indian Authorities will not entertain applications which are sent directly by the potential students to the High Commission of Mauritius in India.

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