

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

The Government of the Hellenic Republic is offering scholarships to foreigners from countries worldwide at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Levels for studies in Universities of Greece.

A list of Greek Universities is available for consultation on the Ministry's website:

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

2. Eligibility Requirements

2.1 Qualifications

A. Undergraduate Studies

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

B. Postgraduate Studies

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

C. For Studies at PhD Level

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in five subjects including English at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) a minimum standard of upper 2nd class Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized University; and
- (iv) A Master's Degree.

OR

An alternative qualification equivalent to A, B or C above.

It is the responsibility of candidates to provide any relevant documentation relating to the equivalence of certificates.

3. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age for Bachelor Course, not more than 35 years of age for Master's Degree and 40 years for PhD.

4. Conditions of Scholarships

4.1 Applicants should preferably have a basic knowledge of Greek Language.

4.2 In the absence of a certificate of proficiency in Greek Language, candidates will have to undergo, in addition to the duration of the academic course, a one-year training in Greece as part of the scholarship.

4.3 Candidates applying for Scholarships at Masters' or Doctoral Level must have already been accepted by a University in Greece. Evidence on enrolment must be provided as part of the scholarship application documents.

4.4 Candidates for the Department of Language and Translations of the Ionian University must speak two of three of the following languages:- English, French and German.

4.5 The Scholarship covers:-

4.5.1 For studies at Undergraduate Level

- Relocation Fee;
- Monthly allowance;
- Exemption from tuition fee for the Greek language course;
- Free textbooks, with the exemption of the Greek Language Course's books; and
- Free medical care in state hospitals.

4.5.2 For studies at Postgraduate and PhD Levels

- Relocation fee;
- Monthly allowance;
- Free medical care in state hospitals, in case of emergency; and
- No tuition fees are supplied.

4.6 Supporting Documents

4.6.1 **For studies at Undergraduate Level**

- (i) completed **local application form** downloadable from the website of the Ministry, with three choices of courses as per list of Greek Universities and courses available for the scholarship;
- (ii) Curriculum Vitae;
- (iii) Copies of educational certificates;

- (iv) Certificate of Greek language proficiency, if applicable;
- (v) Copies of Birth Certificates of applicant and parents, and certificates of naturalization in Mauritius, if applicable; and
- (vi) In case of applicants being of Greek Nationality, a certificate issued by Greek Diplomatic Authority abroad stating that the candidate and his/her parents have been living abroad for the last 5 years at least, and that the parents are not employed by the Greek Government.

4.6.2 **For studies at Postgraduate Level**

- (i) completed **local application form** downloadable from the website of the Ministry, with three choices of courses as per list of Greek Universities and courses available for the scholarship;
- (ii) Curriculum Vitae;
- (iii) Copies of educational certificates;
- (iv) Certificate of Greek language proficiency, if applicable;
- (v) Copies of Birth Certificates of applicant and parents, and certificates of naturalization in Mauritius, if applicable;
- (vi) In case of applicants being of Greek Nationality, a certificate issued by Greek Diplomatic Authority abroad stating that the candidate and his/her parents have been living abroad for the last 5 years at least, and that the parents are not employed by the Greek Government;
- (vii) Certificate of a Greek Higher Education Institution regarding the candidate's acceptance as a Postgraduate student or for carrying out a doctoral thesis; and
- (viii) At least two letters of recommendation.

4.6.3 **Note**

Candidates are strongly advised to make early arrangements for the translation of the abovementioned documents in Greek Language for submission in case of nomination by the Greek authorities.

5. **Fields of Study**

Candidates are also advised to consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ground Floor of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or on the website of the Tertiary Education Commission at www.tec.mu.

6. **Obligations** **For Undergraduate Studies**

- (i) The scholarship of the Greek language students is renewed on the condition that the scholarship recipient has obtained the Greek language certificate either in June or in September;

- (ii) The scholarship during the undergraduate studies is renewed on condition that the scholarship recipient has passed successfully 30% of his/her examination.
- (iii) The scholarship recipient is obliged to attend the lectures regularly and to sit all term exams.
- (iv) The scholarship can be withdrawn at any time for non-satisfactory academic progress or for illegal or improper behaviour of the scholarship recipient.

For Postgraduate Studies

- (i) The scholarship of the Greek language students is renewed on condition that the scholarship recipient has obtained the Greek language proficiency certificate either in June or in September;
- (ii) The scholarship recipient is obliged to attend regularly his/her studies and to present satisfactory progress, continuity and stability in his/her performance.
- (iii) The scholarship can be withdrawn at any time for non-satisfactory academic progress or for illegal or improper behaviour of the scholarship recipient.

7. Other conditions

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Only the best qualified candidates will be selected. Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination within eight weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

8. Mode of Application

- 8.1 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, Pont Fer, Phoenix.

- 8.2 Candidates should ensure that originals along with 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.
- 8.3 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Friday 12 July 2019 at 14.00. hours at latest.*** Where original documents are not in English, certified true copies of official English translations should be provided at the time of application.
- 8.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 8.5 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, and one copy to the applicant's employer who has to confirm, in writing, whether the applicant would be released for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available by the closing date.***
- 9. Applicants are reminded that, being nominated by the Ministry, does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarships rests with the donor country.**
- 10.** A Communiqué will be placed on the website of the Ministry in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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