

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN THROUGH ITS HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (HEC) FOR STUDENTS FROM SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES – 2020

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships offered by the Government of Pakistan through Higher Education Commission (HEC) to students from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for the Academic Year 2020 (Fall Admissions) at **Masters and PhD levels**. A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded to students from SIDS Countries, in the field of water and climate.

2. Duration of Degree:-

- (i) 24 months MS/M.Phil degree program
- (ii) 48 months Doctoral (PhD) program

2.1 Applicants should mention the name of Pakistani Universities (1st, 2nd and 3rd choice) and disciplines/choices where she/he wishes to get admission. List of universities that are working in water resource areas in Pakistan:-

| SN | Public Sector Pakistani Universities | Website(s) |
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| 1 | Centre of Excellence in Water resources, University of Engineering and technology, Lahore Pakistan. | http://cewre.edu.pk/ |
| 2 | University of Agriculture Faisalabad | http://uaf.edu.pk.directorates/water_management/wmrc_overview.html |
| 3 | National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan | https://www.nust.edu.pk/INSTITUTIONS/schools/SCEE/Institutes/NICE/ap/pg/MS-WRE/Pages/default.aspx |
| 4 | Centre for Advance Studies in Water Resources, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamashoro, Pakistan | http://water.muet.edu.pk/ |
| 5 | Any other Pakistan university that you may find relevant concerning your discipline. You may find all relevant information on the link below. | http://www.hec.gov.pk/english/scholarshipgrants/ARL-FSSIDC/Pages/default.aspx . |

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Qualifications

A. 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/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting with a pass in General Paper; and
- (iii) A minimum of Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

B. Doctoral Programs

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

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 Eligibility Criteria

- No dual national is allowed, only students from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are eligible to apply.
- The major disciplines or subjects applied for Master's and PhD degree at Pakistani universities should be in the relevant major disciplines already studied by the applicant during their last degree program.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should **not** have reached by the closing date of application:

- (i) 35 years of age for Masters; and
- (ii) 40 years of age for PhD;

5. Benefits of the scholarships

| Scholarship | Financial Assistance Provided (PKRs) |
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| Tuition fee (Language Course) for one semester | 60,000 |
| Tuition fee per semester (MS / M.Phil & PhD) | 60,000 |
| Living Stipend per annum | 180,000 |
| Book Allowance per annum | 20,000 |
| Air ticket (Return) | Air ticket expenses will be reimbursed / paid by HEC |

6. General Conditions

- 6.1 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.**
- 6.2 Applicants are also reminded that the final decision of allocation of University rests with the donor country.**
- 6.3** Only the best-qualified candidates will be nominated. 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 nominated.

7. Mode of Application

- 7.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1st Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or 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 **Friday 19 June 2020 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
- 7.3 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.

- 7.4 **Non-submission of documents requested, by the deadline for application, will result in elimination from the selection exercise.**
- 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 of application.***
- 7.7 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English, or accompanied by a translation in English.
8. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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