

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 2016-2017 **MOFCOM SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships offered by the Ministry of Commerce (MOFOM) of the People's Republic of China for the Academic Year 2016/2017 at **Masters (2-3 years)** or **PhD program (3-4 years)**.

2. Course of Study

- (i) Preference will be given to candidates whose Fields of Study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of Mauritius and to courses that also appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and on the following website:

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

- (ii) The courses are tenable in the universities listed for MOFCOM Scholarship. The list of 26 designated universities is available for download on the Ministry's website:

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

Each applicant can choose one same major in three universities out of the 26 designated universities as their desired option. CSC will place each applicant in one university only based on their desired option and universities' requirements.

- (iii) Candidates must also ensure that the course they apply for is available in the Universities/Institutions of their choice by consulting the "Directory of the Chinese Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Programme" available on the following website:

<http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua>

or

<http://www.campuschina.org>

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Qualifications

A. Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting; 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 at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (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 qualifications.

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

Note 1: The Scholarship is not tenable for studies in Medicine, Dentistry or Medical related fields.

Note 2: Candidates must submit a Medical certificate certifying that they are in good health and free from any infectious diseases. Nominated candidates would be requested to undergo a full Medical examination as per the proforma of the Foreign Physical examination form is downloaded from the Ministry's website.

Note 3: A motivation letter of up of 150 words must be included for all applications. Applicants to submit a Study Plan or Research Proposal with a minimum of 400 words.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should be under 45 when applying.

5. General Conditions

- 5.1 Scholarships covers, tuition fees, on-campus accommodation, stipend (3000 RMB per month per master student and 3500 RMB per PhD student), medical insurance and one-time round-trip international air tickets.
- 5.2 Beneficiaries will not be allowed to change their courses, their institutions or extend duration of their courses.
- 5.3 Laboratory costs or internship costs beyond the Institutions' arrangements would be borne by the students.
- 5.4 **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.**
- 5.5 **Applicants are also reminded that the final decision of allocation of University rests with the donor country.**
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 Admission & Registration
Scholarship winners will get the admission package from the Chinese Embassy by the end of August, 2016, and must register at the host university before the deadline which is usually September, 2016.

6. Mode of Application

- 6.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources and Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
- 6.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Thursday 19 May 2016 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
- 6.3 Candidates should ensure that originals along with certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets, medical certificate 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.

- 6.4 **Non-submission of documents requested by the deadline for application will result in elimination from the selection exercise.**
- 6.5 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.6 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.***
- 6.7 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English, or accompanied by a translation in English.
7. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

16 May 2016

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