

COMMUNIQUE

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

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of 14 scholarships offered by the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Academic Year 2016/2017 at **Masters** and **PhD levels**.

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) 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. General Scholar Programs

- (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) Have completed at least 2 years full-time of undergraduate study.

C. Senior Scholar Programs

- (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;
- (iii) A Bachelor's degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A Master's degree.

D. 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.

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.

Note 1: Applicants must submit two academic letters of recommendation from Professors or Associate Professors or from the Institution/Organisation where the students studied or worked. The academic letters of recommendation should be focus on the student's ability of study or research.

Note 2: Applicants for Music Studies are requested to submit a CD of their own works. As for applicants for Fine Arts programmes, they must submit a CD of their own works comprising two sketches, two colour paintings and two other works.

Note 3: Candidates applying for a specialist degree in Medicine/Dentistry **must** submit a copy of their Registration Certificate from the Medical Council.

Note 4: Candidates applying for a specialist degree in Medicine/Dentistry may wish to consult the list of already recognized Universities by the Medical Council on the website at <http://www.medicalcouncil.mu.org> or consult the list available at the seat of the Dental Council of Mauritius. The Scholarship for Specialist Medical Degree will be tenable only in the Universities that are already listed on the website of the Medical Council of Mauritius.

Note 5: The attention of candidates is drawn to the fact they would be requested to undergo an assessment by the Postgraduate Medical Education Board at the Medical Council of Mauritius on their return to be subsequently registered as specialist.

Note 6: Applicants with Admission letters from designated Universities should enclose the letter in the application package. Candidates should otherwise indicate in the application forms the names of the University in China where they intend to proceed for studies.

Note 7: **A motivation letter of up of 250 words must be included for all applications. Applicants to submit a Study Plan or Research Proposal in Chinese or English (a minimum of 500 words for non-degree students and 800 words for postgraduates).**

Note 8: General Scholar Program are typically non-degree courses of short term duration. As an indication the duration of the courses are as per table hereunder:

Supporting Categories	Major Study (Year)	Chinese Language (preparatory study year)	Duration of Scholarship (years)
Master's Students	2-3	1-2	2-5
Doctoral Students	3-4	1-2	3-6
General Scholars	up to 1	up to 1	up to 2
Senior Scholars	up to 1	up to 1	up to 2

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached at the closing date:

- (i) 35 years of age for Masters;
- (ii) 40 years of age for Doctoral Studies;
- (iii) 45 years of age for General Scholar Programme; and
- (iv) 50 years of age for Senior Scholar Programme.

5. General Conditions

- 5.1 The scholarship covers tuition fees and allowances as approved by the Chinese Authorities. **International airfares are not provided.**
- 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 Self-financing Mauritian students who are currently studying in universities registered with the China Scholarship Council may also apply for the scholarship. However, they will have to submit a letter from their university to certify the course duration that remains to be covered.

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 17 March 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 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.

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