

COMMUNIQUÉ

PROGRAMME CANADIEN DE BOURSES DE LA FRANCOPHONIE – 2016

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for scholarships offered by the Government of Canada, under the "Programme Canadien de Bourses de la Francophonie – (PCBF)" starting in September 2016 or January 2017 as follows:

- **Bourses de doctorat** d'une durée de 4 années à temps plein.
- **Bourses de maîtrise** d'une durée de 2 années à temps plein.
- Bourses d'une durée d'une année pour un stage post doctorale à temps plein.

A. Conditions of Scholarships

The conditions of the scholarships as indicated by the Canadian Authorities are highlighted hereunder:

1. *Le Programme Canadien de bourses de la Francophonie s'adresse à des personnes qui **ont un emploi et qui le retrouveront au terme de leurs études et démontreront le plus d'aptitude à contribuer au renforcement des capacités de l'institution ou du secteur ciblé lors du retour au pays.***
2. *La personne qui pose sa candidature doit :*
 - (i) *maîtriser le français parlé et écrit. Les études devant être faites de façon continue en français et dans un établissement francophone au Canada, la maîtrise du français est une condition essentielle d'admission et cela pourrait faire l'objet d'une vérification au moyen d'un test ;*
 - (ii) *avoir une connaissance suffisante de l'anglais pour lui permettre de lire et de synthétiser des documents dans son domaine d'études ;*
 - (iii) *maîtriser les outils informatiques de base (Word, Excel, Access, recherche internet) ;*
 - (iv) *avoir obtenu son diplôme le plus récent **au cours des cinq dernières années pour des études universitaires.***
3. *Les études en médecine, en pharmacie et en art dentaire pour des formations cliniques **sont exclues** mais les études pour des formations en recherche (stage post doctoral) sont adressables.*

4. **Note:** This Scholarship is for studies to be carried out in a **Francophone** University in Canada.

B. Fields of Study

Preference will be given to applications that are demonstrably linked to the development priorities of the country. Candidates should consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study 2014-2016 which has been affixed on the Notice Board of the Ministry, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix or on the following website for additional priority fields of study:

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

C. Eligibility Requirements

(1) Qualifications

(a) For 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 with three subjects at Principal level or equivalent obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree, or equivalent.

(b) For Ph.D

- (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 or equivalent qualification obtained at one and the same sitting.
- (iii) A first degree of at least Second Class Honours level or equivalent; and
- (iv) A relevant Master's degree or equivalent.

(c) For Post-Doctoral Studies

- (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 or equivalent qualification obtained at one and the same sitting.
- (iii) A first degree of at least Second Class Honours level or equivalent;
- (iv) A relevant Master's degree or equivalent; and
- (v) A Ph.D.

- Note:**
- I It is the responsibility of candidates to provide any relevant documentation relating to the equivalence of certificates.
 - II *Candidates should submit:*
 - (i) *a project write up, **in French**, of 750 words on their preferred field of study and the relevance thereof to the needs of Mauritius; and*
 - (ii) *a letter of motivation in French.*
 - III *Candidates for Post-Doctoral Studies should also submit a Research Proposal and a letter of acceptance from a Canadian Francophone University for Post-Doctoral study of one year duration.*
 - IV *Candidates should also provide evidence of any research publication carried out at their end.*
 - V *For additional information, the candidates are advised to consult the following website:*

www.boursesfrancophonie.ca

(2) Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than 35 years of age (for a Master's degree) and 45 years of age (for PhD) and (Post-Doctoral) by the closing date.

D. AVANTAGES LIES A LA BOURSE

(Selon le règlement de l'assistance technique canadienne)

Chaque bourse comprend, pour le boursier :

- *Frais d'examens médicaux et de visa ;*
- *Transport aérien international, en classe économique (aller et retour), entre l'aéroport international du pays et le lieu de formation au Canada ;*
- *Indemnités de voyage international et au Canada ;*
- *Expédition des effets personnels (voyage retour) ;*
- *Frais de scolarité et les autres dépenses liées au programme de formation ;*
- *Indemnité d'installation au Canada ;*
- *Indemnité d'habillement ;*
- *Indemnité de subsistance mensuelle ;*
- *Frais de livres ;*
- *Frais de recherche dans le pays d'origine (doctorat et maîtrise type recherche) ;*
- *Soins de santé selon le Régime de soins de santé de l'ACDI (RSSA).*

E. Conditions of Scholarships

1. The award which is made on a yearly basis is renewable up to the duration of the course, upon satisfactory performance of the scholars.
2. Any candidate who has applied to emigrate to Canada or whose spouse is an immigrant or permanent resident in Canada is **not eligible** under this programme.
3. Candidates who have benefitted from a PCBF scholarship would not be eligible to apply unless they have stayed in Mauritius for at least two full years.
4. All candidates should ensure that **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, along with their applications. Non-submission of same will result in 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.
5. Shortlisting by the Ministry does not guarantee award of the scholarship. The final decision rests with the donor country.
6. Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies to serve the country in whatever capacity for as long as their services may be required.
7. 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 selected.
8. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

F. Mode of Application

1. Application forms are available at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry and may also be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

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

2. The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Monday 18 January 2016 at 14.00 hours at latest.***

3. Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf on their wards.
4. 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. The other one along with the Certificate from Employer should be forwarded to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of the applicant. ***Such information regarding release by the employer should be submitted along with their application forms.***

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