

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 2023/2024

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of 30 scholarships offered by the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Academic Year 2023/2024 at **Masters, PhD, General Scholar and Senior Scholar 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 2021-2023 available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix and on the following website:

<http://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:

<https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>

or

<http://www.campuschina.org>

NOTE: Scholarships for Specialisation in Medicine will not be available under this scheme.

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;
- (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.

C. General Scholar Programs (non-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) Successful completion of at least 2 years full-time of undergraduate study.

D. Senior Scholar Programs (non-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;
- (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.

Other Requirements

- (i) Applicants must, for graduate program or senior scholars program, submit as part of the application, two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from the Institution/Organisation where the students studied or worked. The letters of recommendation should bear an official stamp and should focus on the student's ability to study or research.
- (ii) 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.

- (iii) Applicants with Admission letters from designated Universities should enclose the letter in the application package. Candidates should indicate in the application forms the names of the University in China where they intend to proceed for studies.
- (iv) **A motivation letter of up to 250 words must be included for all applications. Applicants should submit a Study Plan or Research Proposal in Chinese or English (a minimum of 500 words for non-degree programs and 800 words for postgraduates).**

Note 1: General Scholar and Senior Scholar Programs are typically non-degree courses of short term duration providing the incumbents the opportunity to engage in further academic studies or research activities in Chinese Universities.

Note 2: 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

Note 3: Students opting for English-taught programs may not be required to follow the Chinese language (preparatory study year). This language requirement exemption is specific to the course of study being opted for, and varies from University to University.

- Note 4:**
- (i) Students applying for Chinese taught general scholar programs, who are holders of a valid HSK level 3 or higher certificate in Chinese language proficiency, may be exempted from the Chinese preparatory year – This language requirement exemption is specific to the course being opted for, and varies from University to University.
 - (ii) Applicants should have acquired the Chinese proficiency of HSK Level 3 when applying for Chinese taught senior scholar programs while for taught Master's or Doctoral program, applicants should have acquired the Chinese proficiency of the HSK level 4.

4. Age Limit

By the closing date of applications, candidates should be:

- (i) under the age of **35** when applying for Master's programs;
- (ii) under the age of **40** when applying for Doctoral programs;
- (iii) under the age of **45** and having completed at least two years of undergraduate study when applying for general scholars programs;
- (iv) be a master's degree holder or an associate professor (or above) under the age of **50** when applying for senior scholar programs.

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.
- 5.8 Beneficiaries of scholarships at Master's or Doctoral levels will be required to sign an 'Undertaking' of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Scholarships Section), 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.
- 5.9 Nominated candidates will have to submit a valid certificate of character issued within 6 months. Candidates are advised to make early arrangements for same.

- 5.10 Candidates who are nominated and are planning to stay in China for more than 6 months must submit a photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form completed in English (the original document should be kept by the applicant).
- 5.11 Candidates are informed that in view of the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international travel, the possibility may exist for them to study online for some time pending their travel to China.

6. Mode of Application

- 6.1 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://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 **Friday 13 January 2023** 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 by the closing date 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 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.5 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.**
- 6.6 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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