



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TERTIARY EDUCATION,
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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2023 GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING AGENCIES

Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius is offering scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of African Commonwealth countries for full-time, on-campus **undergraduate** (diploma/degree) and **postgraduate** (MPhil/PhD) programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Nomination Process

A Nominating Agency is typically part of the Ministry of Education in the country of the applicant. The Nominating Agency must ensure that the applicants meet ALL eligibility criteria and that ALL applications are complete prior to submission to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

1.1 Call for Applications

Nominating Agencies are kindly requested to disseminate the **Call for the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme 2023** as extensively as possible and to receive and process applications from candidates. Nominating Agencies shall submit the duly vetted applications for the August/September 2023 intake by the set deadline of **26 May 2023**.

All applications are to be made through the Nominating Agency, along with the necessary supporting documents.

1.2 Nomination Procedure

1.2.1 Nominating Agencies are required to nominate up to fifteen (15) applicants) for further selection at the level of the Ministry. The decision on the distribution of nominees from the undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes rest on the nominating agencies.

1.2.2 Nominating Agencies should ensure that applicants satisfy all eligibility criteria and that the application paperwork is complete.

1.2.3 Nomination of ineligible applicants or with incomplete supporting documents will not be considered by the selection committee in Mauritius. Only the best qualified candidates will be selected.

1.2.4 Originals of documents listed under **Section 6** should be verified for all candidates selected by the Nominating Agencies.

1.2.5 Nominating Agencies should ensure that applicants submit the completed **Mauritius Africa Scholarship Application Forms** with all documents as listed in **Section 6**. *The Nominating Agency is free to set an appropriate deadline to receive application and inform applicants of this deadline.* Nominating Agencies are invited to allow for sufficient time for processing and forwarding the documents of nominated candidates to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology. The deadline for these documents to reach Mauritius are as per the table below:

Intake	Deadline for electronic submission	Hard copy should reach Mauritius by
August/September 2023	19 May 2023	26 May 2023



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1.3 Deadlines for receipt of nomination lists in Mauritius

1.3.1 The Nominating Agency is kindly requested to email scanned copies of all documents of up to **FIFTEEN (15)** eligible candidates to studymauritius@govmu.org at latest by **19 May 2023** for the August/September 2023 intake and then dispatch/courier the complete paper applications directly to:

The Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Attn: Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division), Level II, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix 73544, Republic of Mauritius

Applications will only be considered complete upon submission of a hard copies, which should be submitted by **26 May 2023**

1.3.2 Nominating Agencies should take necessary measures to ensure that all the application forms and hard copies of supporting documents reach the Ministry of education by the set deadlines. Originals of educational qualifications should **NOT** be sent by post but have to be produced by the successful candidates on arrival in Mauritius.

1.3.3 The Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology will **NOT** accept nominations that are received **after set deadlines**.

1.4 Application Enquiries

Nominating Agencies are invited to assist applicants who may contact them to obtain details on the application procedure.

2. Application Procedure

2.1 The Application Form

The application form can be downloaded from the following websites:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org> or <http://highereducationmauritius.com>

2.2 Application to the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

2.2.1 All applicants must have applied for at least one full-time on-campus programme at a public HEI of their choice (listed under **Section 7**). This application must be made as soon as the HEIs open their application windows on their respective websites.

2.2.2 An application may either be accompanied by:

(a) a *conditional offer (letter of admission)* from the applicant's chosen Mauritian public HEI;
OR

(b) an *acknowledgement notice* from a Mauritian public HEI that the application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid.

2.2.3 Additionally, an application for postgraduate programme must be accompanied by an abridged research plan and, for MPhil/PhD, the name of the proposed supervisor(s) in Mauritius.

2.2.4 ALL candidates must submit the fully completed **Application Form** and documents listed under **Section 6** as part of their application to their local Nominating Agency.

Note:

- 1) Non-submission of the documents as mentioned above, or incorrect or incomplete filling of the application form will result in disqualification of the applicant.



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- 2) The Declaration in **Section 4** of the Application Form must be signed by the applicant.
- 3) Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts, if not in French or in English, must be submitted along with a certified translation in either one of these two languages.
- 4) Applicants should indicate in **Section 3** of the Application Form the title of up to three (3) courses along with their course codes or proposed research, to which they have been admitted or for which they have submitted an application.

3. Eligibility Criteria of Candidates

3.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of your country.

3.2 Age Limit

3.2.1 For undergraduate programmes, applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 01 January 2024.

3.2.2 For MPhil/PhD programmes, applicants should not have reached 40 years 01 January 2024.

3.3 Required Qualifications

3.3.1 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Diploma Programme

Candidates must have:

Either

(i). A minimum of five (5) credits at School Certificate (S.C), or General Certificate of Education (G.C.E) 'O' Level or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), inclusive of a credit in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note (d) below).

Or (ii). Five (5) 'O' Level passes awarded by any other approved examining body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive of a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note (d) below).

Or

(iii) Qualification equivalent to (i)

Note:

(a) A pass in English at A level will be acceptable in lieu of English Language at 'O' Level.

(b) A pass at subsidiary level and/or 'A' Level or equivalent will be acceptable in lieu of a pass at 'O' Level as per (i) and (ii) above.

(c) Some diploma programmes may have higher qualification requirements than (i) and (ii) and applications will be considered only for candidates meeting the minimum requirements of these programmes.

(d) In case the language of instruction for the qualifying examination is not English, the candidate will have to provide a valid TOEFL test result with a minimum score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or IELTS with a minimum score of 5.5 or an acceptable proof of English Language proficiency.



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3.3.2 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Undergraduate degree Programme

Candidates should have successfully completed end-of-secondary schooling and should satisfy the minimum grade requirements as indicated below:

- (i) at least 21 points at GCE A-Level which will be computed on the basis of the following grades obtained in three Principal subjects: A+=10, A=9, B=8, C=7 & D=6;
OR
- (ii) at least an overall average of 60% or an overall average of 12/20; **OR**
- (iii) qualification equivalent to (i) or (ii) above.

Note:

1. Candidates already holding an undergraduate degree will not be considered
2. In case the language of instruction for the qualifying examination is not English, the candidate will have to provide a valid TOEFL test result with a minimum score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or valid IELTS with a minimum score of 5.5 or an acceptable proof of English Language proficiency.

3.3.3 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Postgraduate Programmes

3.3.3.1 For-PhD programme: a first class undergraduate degree from a recognised University or an MPhil and meeting the requirements of the awarding body.

3.3.3.2 For MPhil / PhD programme: A recognised undergraduate degree with at least an upper second class degree (or CPA / GPA greater than 60%) and preferably with a masters' degree.

The onus to provide an equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.

Note:

- i. Candidates should submit their abridged research plan along with their application.
- ii. Candidates applying for doctoral studies must provide the name and written acceptance of their proposed supervisor(s). PhD applicants are requested to contact potential supervisors on the link/emails provided at **section 8.3**.

3.3.3 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius are **NOT** eligible to apply for the same programme level where they are currently studying under this Scholarship Scheme.

3.4 Nominations by the Agency shall not be made for:

- Top-up degree programmes;
- Foundation programmes;
- Part-time courses;
- Distance Education programmes; or
- Mixed/blended modes (distance and on-campus learning).

4. Shortlisting by the Nominating Agency and Evaluation Process.

4.1 After receiving applications, Nominating Agencies may:



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- 1 select and nominate up to **fifteen (15)** candidates. The decision on the distribution of nominees from the undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes rest on the nominating agencies
 - 2 endorse them on the National Endorsement Form; and
 - 3 subsequently transmit the application forms and National Endorsement Form to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Mauritius.
- 4.2** To be eligible for the Scholarship, your candidates should have your endorsement on both the Application Form and on the National Endorsement Form.
- 4.3 Selection of candidates for the Scholarship**
1. Selection of candidates for the Scholarship will be based on merit;
 2. The list of successful applicants for each Member State will be communicated to their respective Nominating Agencies and a communiqué will be placed on the Mauritian Ministry of Education's website once the selection process has been completed; and
 3. The Ministry of Education in Mauritius will, thereafter, issue the successful applicants with a scholarship Agreement Form which is to be signed and submitted to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, upon appointment, **within two (2) weeks** of their arrival in Mauritius.
- 4.4** The Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Mauritius reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Call or not to offer scholarship(s) as a result of this Call for Applications.
- 4.5** Nominating Agencies are kindly requested to advise applicants that they have been nominated for a scholarship as soon as they have been officially so informed by the Government of Mauritius. For this purpose, Nominating Agencies must clearly indicate their contact details (including email address) on the completed **National Endorsement Form**.

5. Financial Conditions of the Scholarship

5.1 Tuition fees and course-related costs

5.1.1 This scholarship provides for annual payment of fees and other studies-related costs (e.g. general/annual fees and miscellaneous fees, etc) as per grid below:

SN	Beneficiaries from	Applicable Rate	Total fee payable up to
1	SADC Countries	Local Fees	MUR100,000
2	Non-SADC Countries	International Fees	MUR160,000

(as at 15 November 2022, 1 USD = MUR 44.25)

- 5.1.2 Awardees will **NOT** be allowed to transfer to another HEI or shift course of study once they have been granted the Scholarship.
- 5.1.3 Tuition fees and other studies-related costs in excess of the amounts mentioned above shall be borne by the awardee.



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5.1.4 The costs incurred for any examination re-sit or repeat of any academic year will be borne by the student.

5.1.5 The scholarship will be for a maximum duration as indicated in the table below or the minimum course duration whichever is lesser.

SN	Programme of Studies	Maximum Duration
1	Undergraduate Diploma	Three (3) years
2	Undergraduate Degree	Four (4) years
3	MPhil / PhD	Four (4) years + 6 months for the transfer from MPhil to PhD
4	PhD	Three (3) years

5.1.6 No request for additional grants will be entertained.

5.1.7 Any costs pertaining to fieldwork overseas or the purchase of books, etc will have to be borne by the student.

5.2 Living allowance

5.2.1 Awardees are expected to come to Mauritius with sufficient funds (approximately USD 1000) to meet expenses during the initial phase of their stay (about three (3) months), while formalities are being completed locally.

5.2.2 A monthly living allowance of **MUR 14,200** will be paid to awardees as part support to meet their living expenses. Students are expected to supplement this amount to cover the cost of living in Mauritius. This allowance will be credited to the awardee's bank account in Mauritius on a monthly basis, subject to the submission of evidence of enrolment and satisfactory attendance in the study programme by the HEI.

5.2.3 The payment of allowances during the final year of enrolment in the study programme will cover, on a pro-rata basis, a period of two (2) weeks following the final day of examinations.

5.2.4 Awardees should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in writing, preferably **two (2) weeks in advance**, in case they have to leave Mauritius for any reason.

5.3 Other Conditions

5.3.1 The awardees should:

- i. abide by latest government regulations regarding vaccination against Covid;
- ii. abide to the protocols setup by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius;
- iii. be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius by the start of the academic year of the respective institution in which they have been admitted;
- iv. not be in receipt of or not have received a scholarship from any other public source in Mauritius (including from Higher Education Commission, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, Higher Education Institutions, etc.); and
- v. undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (<http://passport.govmu.org>), in any of the public hospitals in Mauritius and the tests



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results shall be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office, with a copy to the Ministry, not later than one month after arrival in Mauritius.

Note: The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant to undergo any such other medical tests as it deems fit.

6. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form;
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate;
- Certified copy of bio-data page of passport, if available;
- Certified copies of educational certificates;
- Certified copies of transcripts;
- Medical certificate duly filled-in and signed by a registered medical Practitioner in **Section 6** of the Application Form. This should be appropriately stamped or sealed;
- Copy of letter of conditional offer by a public Higher education institution in Mauritius (if available at time of application) **OR** copy of acknowledgement notice from the Mauritian public HEI that an application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid; and
- Abridged Research plan for candidates opting for a doctoral study.
- Supporting statement from a named supervisor from a University in Mauritius for PhD candidates.

7. List of Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and their Tentative Application windows

7.1 Application for the **August/September 2023** intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Undergraduate (diploma/degree) Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Mauritius	January 2023	May 2023	www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius			www.utm.ac.mu
Academy of Design and Innovation			www.fdi.mu
Université des Mascareignes			www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute			www.mgirti.ac.mu
Rabindranath Tagore Institute			www.mgirti.ac.mu
Mauritius Institute of Training and Development			www.mitd.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd			www.poly.ac.mu
Mauritius Institute of Education			www.mie.ac.mu

7.2 PhD applicants are requested to contact potential Supervisors on the following link/emails.

Institution	Link/emails	
University of Mauritius	http://www.uom.ac.mu/Images/Files/Research/themes.pdf	
University of Technology, Mauritius	Director General	Registrar
	directorgeneral@uemail.utm.ac.mu	registrar@uemail.utm.ac.mu



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8. Summary of Selection Criteria

The nominations submitted will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- A. Duly completed application form;
- B. Evidence of enrolment or application for enrolment in a public HEI;
- C. The age criteria of the applicant at the closing date of application;
- D. The minimum qualification requirements mentioned in **SECTION 3.3** of this document;
- E. Certified copies of academic transcripts/mark sheets;
- F. Medical clearance;
- G. Endorsement by the Nominating Agency of the country of citizenship of the applicant; and
- H. The abridged research plan submitted by postgraduate applicants.

9. Nominating Agency enquiries

Nominating Agencies may contact the Ministry for any queries or additional information on this Scheme at: Email: studymauritius@govmu.org

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