#### **COMMUNIQUE**

# POSTGRADUATE (MASTER'S DEGREE ) SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED UNDER THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) 2021/2022

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for the award of scholarships at **postgraduate level** offered by the Government of Malaysia for academic year 2021/2022. The duration of the award is between 12 to 24 months for Master's programme.

#### 2. Field of Study

Candidates should ensure that the courses opted for are available in Malaysian Universities and that same should match the development priorities of Mauritius. The List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius has been affixed on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and is also available on the Ministry's website at:

#### https://education.govmu.org/

Applicants are strongly advised to consult same.

# 3. <u>Eligibility Requirements</u>

#### A <u>For Master's Degree</u>

- (i) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting or any equivalent qualification; and
- (ii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

# **Note 1:** The applicant must demonstrate proof of English Language proficiency through **one** of the following:

- (i) Scanned copy of the original proof of English language Proficiency such as **IELTS** (minimum total score **6.0**); or **TOEFL** paper-based test with a score of 500 or an internet-based test with a score of 60; or
- (ii) Applicants obtaining **Degrees with English as medium of instructions** may also be accepted (evidence is a prerequisite).

#### **Note 2:** Applicants must:

- (i) submit a written proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests as per the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius.
- (ii) have secured admission to a postgraduate (Masters) course in a university in Malaysia. The letter of offer/enrolment should be submitted at the time of application.

#### 4. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than **45 years old** by the closing date.

# 5. **General Conditions of Award**

- 5.1 Value of Awards
- The Scholarship covers:
  - i. Cost of Living Allowance
  - ii. Book Allowance
  - iii. Tools Allowance
  - iv. House Rental Allowance
  - v. Family Assistance Allowance
  - vi. Placement Allowance
  - vii. Thesis Allowance
  - viii. Travel Allowance
  - ix. Practical Training Allowance
  - x. End of Study Allowance
  - xi. Tuition Fees
  - xii. Medical Claims
  - xiii. Visa fee
- 5.2 Scholarship holders must undertake full-time study for postgraduate studies (Masters) at a campus of Malaysian Universities. It is the responsibility of the scholarship holders to confirm admission to the University.
- 5.3 Scholarship holders must not change their programme during tenure of the scholarship.
- 5.4 Scholarship holders must follow the approved programmes and abide by the university's rules, regulations and codes of conduct.
- 5.5 Any suspension from the university will result in an immediate suspension of the award. Monthly allowances are not payable during suspension, including suspension due to illness.

- 5.6 It is the responsibility of successful candidates to meet the requirements and to apply for an appropriate entry visa. The offer of the scholarship does not guarantee the granting of a visa.
- 5.7 Scholarship holders must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by their host university and degree programme to avoid the withdrawal of the award.
- 5.8 The scholarships are tenable in Malaysian universities and research must be carried out in Malaysia.
- 5.9 Scholarship holders are not allowed to take any paid employment during their tenure.
- 6. **Nominated candidates** will be requested to produce a medical certificate to state that they are medically fit.
- 7. The final award of scholarships rests solely on the decision of the donor country.

#### 8. Additional information

Additional information is available from the website of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology website:

https://education.govmu.org/

# 9. **Mode of Application**

9.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

### https://education.govmu.org/

9.2 Applicants should submit **certified copies** of all supporting documents not later than the closing date specified below.

- 9.3 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 at 14.00 hours at latest**.
- 9.4 All applicants should ensure that **certified copies** of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets 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 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. Official translation in English is required if the transcript is in another language.
- 9.5 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 10. 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 together with the applications**.
- 11. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology MITD House, Pont Fer Phoenix 73544

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