

MAURITIUS-AFRICA SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Introduction

The Government of Mauritius is offering scholarships for undergraduate studies in public tertiary education institutions in Mauritius to 50 deserving African students in 2014.

1. Financial Conditions of the scholarship

1.1 The Scholarship will cover:

- (i) a monthly living allowance of Rs 8,300 (USD 266 approx.),
- (ii) tuition fees up to Rs 100,000 (USD 3205 approx.) yearly, and
- (iii) airfare (economy class) by the most economical route to and from Mauritius at the start and the end of the studies.

1.2 The duration of the scholarship will be for a maximum of four (4) years depending on the course duration.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Students **must** have:-

- a) passed in 3 subjects at General Certificate of Education "Advanced Level" / Cambridge International A level or at an equivalent level acceptable to the Scholarship panel; and
- b) secured a conditional offer in a fully accredited and on-campus undergraduate programme on a full-time basis at a public tertiary education institution.

2.2 Candidates should be resident citizens of a member state of the African Union.

2.3 Scholarships shall **not** be awarded for:

- (i) top-up degree programmes;
- (ii) foundation programmes; and
- (iii) mixed modes (distance and on-campus learning)

2.4 **Age Limit**

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age at the date of application.

3. Procedure for submitting applications

- 3.1 Candidates should submit their application forms **and** a copy of the following documents –
- (i) birth certificate
 - (ii) certified copies of certificates,
 - (iii) transcripts of secondary school results,
 - (iv) mark sheets relating to their qualifications,
 - (v) their letter of conditional offer by a public tertiary education institution in Mauritius.

Non-submission of these documents will result in the elimination from the award of the scholarship.

- 3.2 Candidates should indicate in their applications, the name of the institution and the title and course code of the programme to which they have been admitted.
- 3.3 **All applications should be made through the Ministry of Education or the equivalent Ministry of the country of the applicant, on the prescribed format with the necessary supporting documents.** After endorsement by the Ministry of Education or the equivalent Ministry, the nomination form must be sent through diplomatic channel to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius.
- 3.4 All applications should include a medical report and an AIDS-free certificate before the scholarship is approved.

4. Other conditions

- 4.1 Self -financing candidates already studying in Mauritius in an undergraduate programme before July 2014 will not be converted into studentships.
- 4.2 The scholarship holders would be required to sign an undertaking to return to their home country as soon as the studentship comes to an end.
- 4.3 The candidates, once selected, should –
- a) be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius by the start of the academic year of the respective institution where they have been admitted;
 - b) be attending full-time and on-campus (not distance learning) programme;
 - c) not be in receipt of a full fee studentship from any other source; and
 - d) be able to pay any outstanding costs not covered by the scholarship.

5. Tuition fees and Course related costs

- 5.1 A provision of up to Rs 100,000 (USD 3205 approx.) will be allocated yearly to each beneficiary for this scholarship to meet tuition fees and related course costs.
- 5.2 Candidates will not be allowed to change their course or move to another institution once they have been granted scholarships.

6. Living allowance

- 6.1 An all-inclusive living allowance will be paid at an approved rate of Rs 8,300 (USD 266 approx.) monthly for day to day expenses for full academic year and renewed upon submission of evidence from the University of having successfully enrolled for next academic year.
- 6.2 No stipend will be released during any period of vacation leave abroad except for the house rent which should not be for more than two months.
- 6.3 Awardees will have to inform the Tertiary Education Commission and the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology in case they have to leave Mauritius for any personal reason or otherwise. During the period of their stay outside Mauritius, they will not be eligible to the stipend.

7. Travel to Mauritius

- 7.1 International air travel (economy class fare) by the most economical route will be provided at the start and end of studentship only.
- 7.2 Students should inform the university or institution to which they have been admitted of their travel schedule well in advance.

8. Medical and Travel Insurance

- 8.1 Arrangements for Medical and Travel insurance in Mauritius will have to be borne by the students themselves.
- 8.2 Students will have access to public hospitals for medical treatment.

9. Visas

- 9.1 Once a student has been awarded a scholarship, the student visa will be issued by the Government of Mauritius.

- 9.2 Students should ensure that they get their visa, in case a visa is required, to enter Mauritius and should seek a full briefing on Mauritius' living conditions, the details of the programme and institution that they will be attending.

10. Passport

- 10.1 Students must have a valid passport for the duration of course applied for.

11. Accommodation

- 11.1 Students will have to make prior arrangements with the University of their choice in Mauritius with regards to accommodation facilities available and make arrangements accordingly.
- 11.2 The institution receiving the student should make all the necessary arrangements to facilitate the visa, reception at the airport and assist the student to obtain an appropriate accommodation.

12. Submission of Annual progress report

- 12.1 Students will have to submit annual/academic progress reports for continuation of studentship payments.
- 12.2 A bi-annual report on the students should be submitted by each institution to the Study Mauritius Office of the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology by the institution concerned.

13. Travelling

- 13.1 Students who choose to have their immediate family members join them in Mauritius will be responsible for their financial support.
- 13.2 If a student decides to return to his/her country before the completion of the course, he/she would not be entitled to a return passage. The expenditure should be met by the student himself/herself.
- 13.3 The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to his/her travel outside Mauritius during vacation or the duration of the course.

14. Applications for Additional Grants

- 14.1 No application for additional grants will be entertained.

14.2 Students pursuing science courses will have to bear the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other incidental expenses.

15. Fieldwork/Leave to work away

15.1 Any cost pertaining to fieldwork or leave will have to be borne by the student.

16. Renewal of Scholarship

16.1 Scholarships are provided on a yearly basis to students subject to successful completion of each year of study.

16.2 The Government of Mauritius will discontinue the scholarship payment in case the student fails his examination and will resume payment on submission of documents certifying that he/she has succeeded his/her examination.

17. Employment

17.1 Students may undertake paid employment during the period of their scholarship with prior authorisation from the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment.

18. Termination of studentship

18.1 The scholarship may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, progress, or attendance.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- (i) Application forms
- (ii) Birth certificate
- (iii) Certified copies of education certificates,
- (iv) Transcripts of secondary school results,
- (v) Mark sheets relating to their qualifications,
- (vi) Letter of conditional offer by a public tertiary education institution in Mauritius.

LIST OF PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Website</u>
1. University of Mauritius	- www.uom.ac.mu
2. University of Technology , Mauritius	- www.utm.ac.mu
3. Université des Mascareignes	- www.udm.ac.mu
4. Open University	- www.open.ac.mu
5. Fashion and Design Institute	- www.fdi.mu
6. Mauritius Institute of Education	- www.mie.ac.mu
7. Mahatma Gandhi Institute	- www.mgirti.ac.mu
8. Rabindranath Tagore Institute	- www.mgirti.ac.mu