



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TERTIARY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division)

MAURITIUS - AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2022 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Award of Scholarships by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius

The Government of Mauritius is awarding scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or African Commonwealth countries, as per the following criteria:

1. For undergraduate programmes, applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 22 August 2022.
2. For Master's programmes, applicants should not have reached 35 years and, for PhD programmes, applicants should not have reached 40 years by 22 August 2022.
3. Applicants must have already applied for a full-time on-campus programme (Diploma, Degree, Master's or PhD) at a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius (listed in **Section 8** in the appropriate *Guidelines for Applicants*) for academic year starting in 2022.
4. 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	Master	Two (2) years
4	MPhil / PhD	Four (4) years + 6 months for the transfer from MPhil to PhD
5	PhD	Three (3) years

The Scholarship will support successful candidates in meeting their tuition fees and in contributing to their living expenses during their studies in Mauritius. Furthermore, the scholarship covers a return airfare by the most economical route. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion of studies.

Since in Mauritius only vaccinated students are granted access to higher education institutions, successful candidates will have to be vaccinated prior to coming to Mauritius. For successful candidates who cannot for medical purposes be vaccinated, they will be required to produce duly certified medical certificates.

To enter Mauritius, students must present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours before departure from their home country. Covid-19 testing will be required upon arrival.

The following documents are available for download from the following websites <https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarship-Scheme-2022.aspx> and <http://www.scitech.govmu.org>

I. Guidelines for Applicants

- > This document contains important information regarding the conditions attached to the scholarship, the application procedure, and a list of public Higher Education Institutions in Mauritius where full-time on-campus studies are run.

II. Application Form (Applicants are invited to fill in the form electronically before printing)

- > Application for the scholarship can only be made on the application form, duly filled-in. Section 5 of the application form should be endorsed and completed by the Nominating Agency in the country of citizenship of the applicant. An application under this Scheme is to be made solely through the Nominating Agency responsible for the processing of scholarships in the country of citizenship of the applicant. Such Nominating Agency, which may typically be part of the Ministry of Education in the country of the applicant, will then shortlist and endorse the applications of a maximum of FIFTEEN (15) eligible candidates (five in each category of Undergraduate, Masters and MPhil/PhD) and submit the duly completed application forms as per the table below:

Intake	Deadline for electronic submission	Deadline for submission of hard copy
April 2022	28 February 2022	07 March 2022
October 2022	15 August 2022	22 August 2022

Applications, together with supporting documents as required should be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Mauritius at the address mentioned below, for a final selection.

The Senior Chief Executive,
Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology
(Attn: Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division)
Level 2, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix 73544.
Republic of Mauritius (Email: studymauritius@govmu.org)

December 2021

No direct application to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology will be entertained



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Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Application Form for Postgraduate Programmes

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MAURITIUS-AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP

The Government of Mauritius is awarding scholarships to deserving students who are resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of an African Commonwealth country to pursue higher studies in a registered public Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Mauritius.

The duly completed application form should be submitted through the *Nominating Agency* of the respective countries. A list of Nominating Agencies can be found on the website of this Ministry at <https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx>

No direct application to the Mauritian Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology will be entertained.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Application Form (Section 1 to 6) duly filled	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Birth Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of biodata page of passport, if available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of all educational certificates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of transcripts of educational certificates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed study/research plan (750 words for Masters and 1500 words for MPhil/PhD)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting statement from a named supervisor (for MPhil/PhD applicants)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endorsement by Nominating Agency (Section 5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical certificate filled and signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner (Section 6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of letter of conditional offer by a public higher education institution in Mauritius OR copy of acknowledgement notice from the HEI	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES SHOULD NOT BE SENT WITH THE APPLICATION FORM

Further information

A list of the registered public HEIs offering full time on campus higher education programmes can be found at **Section 8** of the *Guidelines for Applicants* or from the website of Higher Education Commission (<https://www.hec.mu/heI>)

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SECTION TWO: DETAILS OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Certified copies of academic qualifications, together with the mark sheets, must be provided. The qualifications are to be listed in chronological order.

State qualifications obtained at Secondary School Level prior to end of secondary qualification and the Awarding Body

(eg Higher School Certificate/ Cambridge CIE, GCE Advanced Level/ Cambridge CIE, Baccalaureate/ IB Geneva., etc):

Qualification: / Awarding Body:

SUBJECTS	GRADES/MARKS

Name of Institution	
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Address of Institution	
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Start Date <i>(mm/yyyy)</i>		End Date <i>(mm/yyyy)</i>	
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State Qualifications obtained at end of Secondary School Level and the Awarding Body

(eg School Certificate/ Cambridge CIE , GCE Ordinary Level/Cambridge CIE , GCSE/ Edexcel, Diplôme National du Brevet/NCFE., etc):

Qualification: / Awarding Body:

SUBJECTS	GRADES/MARKS

Name of Institution	
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Address of Institution	
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Start Date <i>(mm/yyyy)</i>		End Date <i>(mm/yyyy)</i>	
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State qualification obtained at Higher Education Level:					
Name of Award (e.g BSc (Hons) Biology)					
Name of Institution					
Address of Institution					
Grade Achieved (e.g 1 st Class)					
CPA/GPA or Percentage Achieved	GPA : Or Percentage Achieved%				
Start Date (mm/yyyy)					
State any other qualifications obtained at tertiary level(attach additional sheets if required):					
SN	Awarding Body	Name of Award	Start Date	End Date	Grade Achieved
1					
2					
3					
List details of relevant academic distinctions or prizes received, if any.					
List any scholarships previously received, if any. <i>(Provide details such as duration of the scholarship(s), the qualification or course undertaken, and the date completed.)</i>					

SECTION THREE: PROPOSED COURSE OF STUDY

Provide details of the public Higher Education Institution(s) and programme(s) of study you have applied for in Mauritius.

Copy of a letter of offer or acknowledgement notice from the public Higher Education Institution(s) must accompany this application. The information below must match the information in the correspondence from the Higher Education Institution(s)

NAME OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	COURSE CODE

SECTION FOUR: DECLARATION

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

If I am awarded a scholarship under the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme, I agree that the scholarship may be terminated if I do not comply with the conditions attached to it. I will also abide by the '**Guidelines for Applicants**' and understand that I:

- will be eligible for tuition fees (paid directly to the HEI) as per grid below;

SN	Beneficiaries from	Applicable Rate	Tuition Fee paid up to
1	SADC Countries	Local Fees	MUR100,000
2	Non-SADC Countries	International Fees	MUR160,000

(as at 30 November 2021, 1 USD = MUR 43.61)

- will be eligible for an assistance to meet living expenses of not more than **MUR12,500** monthly;
- will be eligible for refund of the student airfare (economy class) by the most economical route to Mauritius at the start, and airfare to my home country upon successful completion of studies;
- will accept the scholarship only for the approved study programme for which it is offered and that **no changes whatsoever will be allowed**;
- will comply with the rules and regulations of the Higher Education Institution;
- will agree to the disclosure of information pertaining to my academic progress to the relevant Mauritian authorities for administrative purposes;
- will have to comply with all the laws of Mauritius, including immigration laws, and I will be solely responsible for my actions;
- will leave Mauritius at the end of my studies;

DECLARATION

This section must be completed and signed by the applicant.

Note that incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the form may result in the applicant's elimination from consideration. Any false information given or concealment of any relevant information may lead to termination of the scholarship.

I,(full name), the undersigned, declare that the particulars in this application are true and accurate, and that I have not willfully suppressed any material fact.

Date:

Signature:

SECTION SIX: MEDICAL CERTIFICATE <i>(To be filled by a Registered Medical Practitioner)</i>			
1. PERSONAL DETAILS OF CANDIDATE			
Surname			
Other Names			
Date of Birth		Gender	
Nationality		Passport No.	
Occupation			
2. MEDICAL EXAMINATION			
General Medical Examination			
Cardiovascular System			
Urinary System			
Central Nervous System			
Past Medical History <i>(please give details, if any)</i>			
Any Others <i>(Please give details, if any)</i>			
3. ADDITIONAL REMARKS OR INVESTIGATIONS, (IF ANY)			
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4. DECLARATION			
I hereby declare that this applicant is NOT suffering from any infectious or communicable disease.			
Full Name of Doctor			
Address (City and Country)			
Tel No.		Fax No.	
Email			
Signature		Date	



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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2022
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** (Masters/MPhil/PhD) programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1.0 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 2022** as extensively as possible and to receive and process applications from candidates.

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

1.2 Nomination Procedures

1.2.1 Nominating Agencies are required to nominate up to **fifteen (15)** applicants (**five** in each category of Undergraduate, Masters and MPhil/PhD).

1.2.2 Nominating Agencies should ensure that applicants satisfy all eligibility criteria and that the application paperwork is complete. Only applications endorsed by the Nominating Agency on the **National Endorsement Form** will be considered. ~~complete 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 8* 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 is as per the table below:

Intake	Deadline for electronic submission	Deadline for submission of hard copy
April 2022	28 February 2022	07 March 2022
October 2022	15 August 2022	22 August 2022



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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 (five in each category of undergraduate, Masters and MPhil/PhD) to studymauritius@govmu.org at latest **28 February 2022** for the April intake and **15 August 2022** for the October 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, Port Eon, Phoenix 72544, Republic of Mauritius

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.

2.0 Application Procedure

2.1 The Application Form

The application form can be downloaded from the following websites:

<https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx> 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 a study/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.



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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.
- 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.

3.0 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 22 August 2022.

3.2.2 For Master's programmes, applicants should not have reached 35 years and for MPhil/PhD programmes, applicants should not have reached 40 years by 22 August 2022.

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).

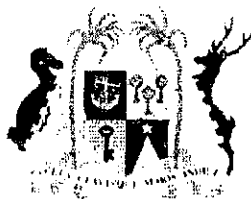
Or (ii) Five (5) 'O' Level passes awarded by any other approved examining body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive of a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note (d) below).

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 Master's degree the applicants should have successfully completed an undergraduate degree with:

- i. at least an upper second class from a recognized higher education institution; **OR**
- ii. a GPA / CPA greater than 60% from a recognized higher education institution; **OR**
- iii. alternative qualifications acceptable to the Ministry.

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

3.3.3.3 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 detailed study/research plan (of about 750 words for Master's and 1500 words for PhD) 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**.

3.3.4 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; or
- Distance Education programmes;



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4.0 Shortlisting by the Nominating Agency and Evaluation Process.

4.1 After receiving applications, Nominating Agencies may:

- 1 select and nominate up to fifteen (15) candidates (five in each category of undergraduate, Masters and MPhil/PhD);
- 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.

5.0 Financial Conditions of the Scholarship

5.1 Tuition fees and course-related costs

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

SN	Beneficiaries from	Applicable Rate	Tuition Fee paid up to
1	SADC Countries	Local Fees	MUR100,000
2	Non-SADC Countries	International Fees	MUR160,000

(as at 30 November 2021, 1 USD = MUR 43.61)

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.



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5.1.3 Tuition fees and other studies related costs in excess of the amounts mentioned above shall be borne by the awardee.

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	Master	Two (2) years
4	MPhil / PhD	Four (4) years + 6 months for the transfer from MPhil to PhD
5	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 to meet expenses during the initial phase of their stay while formalities are being completed locally.

5.2.2 A monthly living allowance of **MUR 12,500** 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. The allowance will be credited to the awardee's bank account in Mauritius on a monthly basis, subject to submission of evidence of enrolment and satisfactory attendance in the study programme from 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) be vaccinated against the COVID 19 to have access to higher education institutions in Mauritius. For awardees who cannot for medical purposes be vaccinated, they will be required to produce duly certified medical certificates;
- (ii) Abide to the protocol setup by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius in the context of the Covid19 pandemic. The travel advice guide can be accessed by clicking on the link <https://mauritiusnow.com/mauritius-travel-advice> ;
- (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 a scholarship from any other public source in Mauritius;



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- (v) undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (<http://passport.govmu.org>), in Mauritius and the tests 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; and
- (iv) The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant to undergo any such other medical tests as it deems fit.

6.0 Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form;
- **REPIKILANAN ENJYI MI MIN-BAJANEN** page of passport
- 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 unconditional 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
- Study/Research plan for candidates opting for a Master's and doctoral study.
- Supporting statement from a named supervisor from a University in Mauritius for PhD candidates.

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

7.1 Application for the April 2022 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Undergraduate Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Technology, Mauritius	December 2021	March 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	December 2021	February 2022	www.poly.ac.mu
For Postgraduate Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Mauritius	January 2022	February 2022	www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius	January 2022	March 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Université des Mascareignes	December 2021	February 2022	www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	December 2021	February 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu



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7.2 Application for the **October 2022** intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Undergraduate Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Mauritius	June 2022	August 2022	www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius	June 2022	August 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Fashion and Design Institute	April 2022	August 2022	www.fdi.mu
Université des Mascareignes	May 2022	August 2022	www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	June 2022	August 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu
Rabindranath Tagore Institute	June 2022	August 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu
Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	July 2022	Aug 2022	www.mitd.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	July 2022	August 2022	www.poly.ac.mu
For Postgraduate Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Mauritius	May 2022	August 2022	www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius	May 2022	August 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Université des Mascareignes	May 2022	August 2022	www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	May 2022	August 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu

7.3 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	
Université des Mascareignes	List of Potential Supervisors at Université des Mascareignes - https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx	
University of Technology, Mauritius	Director General	Registrar
	directorgeneral@unmail.utm.ac.mu	registrar@unmail.utm.ac.mu

8.0 Summary of Selection Criteria

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

- Duly completed application form;
- Evidence of enrolment or application for enrolment in a public HEI;
- The age criteria of the applicant;
- The minimum qualification requirements mentioned in **SECTION 3.3** of this document;
- Certified copies of academic transcripts/mark sheets;
- Medical clearance;
- Endorsement by the Nominating Agency of the country of citizenship of the applicant; and
- The study/research plan submitted by postgraduate applicants.



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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2022 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS Diploma and Undergraduate degree

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) programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals and foreign nationals residing in Mauritius are NOT eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

1.2.1 Applicants should be above 18 years of age and should not have reached their 26th birthday by 22 August 2022.

1.3 Required Qualifications

1.3.1 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 para 1.3.3 below).

Or

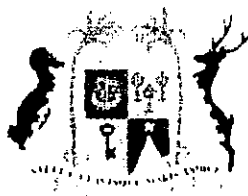
(ii). Five (5) 'O' Level passes awarded by any other approved examining body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive of a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per para 1.3.3 below).

Or

(iii) Qualification equivalent to (i) above.

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) Candidates already holding a diploma will not be considered



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1.3.2 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 or HSC 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:

Candidates already holding an undergraduate degree will not be considered

1.3.3 In case the language of instruction, in 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 test results with a minimum score of 5.5 or an acceptable proof of English Language proficiency.

1.3.4 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius will **NOT** be eligible to apply for the same programme level under this Scholarship Scheme.

1.3.5 Scholarships will **NOT** be awarded for:

- Top-up degree programmes;
- Foundation programmes;
- Part time courses; or
- Distance Education programmes;

2. Application Procedures

2.1 The application form

The application form obtainable from the websites below must be filled in **electronically**, printed and then signed: <https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx> or <http://highereducationmauritius.com>

2.2 Application to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

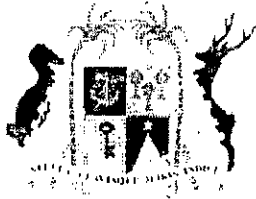
2.2.1 All applicants must have already applied for at least one full-time on-campus programme at a public HEI of their choice (listed under **Section 8**). This application must be made as soon as the HEIs have opened their application windows on their respective websites.

An applicant may either:

(a) obtain a **conditional offer** (*letter of admission*) from their chosen Mauritian public HEI and submit this along with the scholarship application:

OR

(b) submit 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.



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Note: The application fee shall be refunded to successful applicants

2.2.2 Applicants must submit the completed **Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Application Form** along with documents as per **Section 7** to their respective Nominating Agencies. This should be done by a deadline to be determined by the Nominating Agency and communicated to prospective applicants.

2.2.3 Candidates must also submit the fully completed **Application Form** and **certified copies** of the following documents as part of their application to their local Nominating Agency:

- (i) Birth Certificate;
- (ii) Relevant educational certificates and transcripts;
- (iii) Medical certificate to be filled and stamped by a registered medical practitioner in **Section 6** of the Application Form;
- (iv) Copy of passport biodata page, if available.

Note:

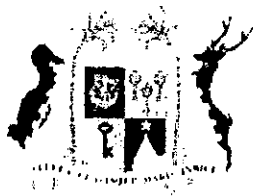
- 1) Non-submission of the documents mentioned above, or incorrect or incomplete filling of the application form will result in disqualification of the applicant;
- 2) The Declaration in **Section 4** of the Application Form must be signed by the applicant;
- 3) Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts, if not in French or in English, must be submitted along with a certified translation in one of these two languages;
- 4) In **Section 3** of the Application Form, applicants should indicate the titles of up to three (3) courses in a HEI, along with their course codes for which they have secured a seat or for which they have submitted an application for enrolment; and
- 5) All applications must be made exclusively through the Nominating Agency in the country of citizenship of the applicant, along with the necessary supporting documents.

2.3 Application Enquiries

Applicants are advised to contact the Nominating Agency in their country of citizenship, or, in the absence thereof, the respective Ministry of Education, to obtain details on the application procedure to be followed when submitting applications.

3. Shortlisting by the Nominating Agency and Evaluation Process

3.1 Applications for the Scholarships are to be made to the Nominating Agency in the applicant's country of origin and are **NOT** to be sent directly to Mauritius by the applicant. The Nominating Agency, which is typically part of Ministry of Education, will select and nominate up to **five (5)** candidates for undergraduate programmes (indicating clearly the level of studies for each nominated candidate). The Nominating Agency of the country of citizenship of the candidates, or the Ministry of Education, will subsequently transmit the application forms to Mauritius.



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- 3.2 Applications from candidates who do not have the endorsement of their Nominating Agencies, or that of the Ministry of Education, will NOT be considered.
- 3.3 Candidates who have not been informed of their selection for award of a scholarship by end of October 2022 should consider that they have not been selected.
- 3.4 Selection of candidates for the Scholarship will be based on merit.
- 3.5 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 exercise has been completed. The Mauritian Ministry of Education will, in parallel, 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.
- 3.6 The final decision to award a scholarship rests with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology. This decision shall be final and binding. **The Ministry of Education will not respond to queries regarding the non-selection of candidates.**

4. Financial Conditions of the Scholarship

4.1 Tuition fees and course-related costs

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

SN	Beneficiaries from	Applicable Rate	Tuition Fee paid
1	SADC Countries	Local Fees	MUR100,000
2	Non-SADC Countries	International Fees	MUR160,000

(as at 30 November 2021, 1 USD = MUR 43.61)

4.1.2 Awardees will NOT be allowed to transfer to another IIEI or shift course of study once they have been granted a Scholarship.

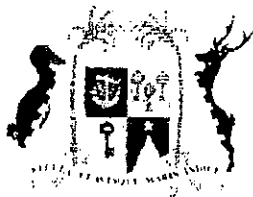
4.1.3 Tuition fees and other studies-related costs in excess of the amounts mentioned above shall be borne by the awardee.

4.1.4 All costs associated with any examination re-sit or repeat of any academic year will be borne by the student.

4.1.5 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

4.1.6 No request for additional grants will be entertained.



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

4.2 Living allowance

4.2.1 Awardees are expected to come to Mauritius with sufficient funds to meet expenses during the initial phase of their stay, while formalities are being completed locally.

4.2.2 A monthly living allowance of **MUR 12,500** 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.

4.2.3 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.

4.2.4 An awardee should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in writing, preferably **two (2) weeks in advance**, in case he/she has to leave Mauritius for any reason.

4.3 Other conditions

The awardees should:

- (i) be vaccinated against the COVID 19 to have access to higher education institutions in Mauritius. For awardees who cannot for medical purposes be vaccinated, they will be required to produce duly certified medical certificates.
- (ii) Abide to the protocol setup by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius in the context of the Covid19 pandemic. The travel advice guide can be accessed by clicking on the link <https://mauritiusnow.com/mauritius-travel-advice>.
- (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 a scholarship from any other public source in Mauritius;
- (v) undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (<http://passport.govmu.org>), in Mauritius and the tests 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.
- (vi) The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant to undergo any such other medical tests as it deems fit.

5. Travel to and from Mauritius

5.1 Student Visa and Travel Documents

5.1.1 Prior to an awardee's arrival in Mauritius, the HEI where the student has secured a seat will apply for a student visa with the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) in Mauritius.



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5.1.2 For visa application procedures, the awardee must liaise with the HEI where s/he has secured a place and ensure that s/he is holder of provisional entry permit issued by the PIO before arrival in Mauritius.

5.1.3 The PIO will process the student visa application and issue a provisional entry permit valid for three (3) months to enable the student to travel to Mauritius.

5.1.4 Issuance of a provisional entry permit and student visa is subject to the immigration laws and policies prevailing in Mauritius.

5.1.5 Students must have a passport valid for the duration of the course enrolled.

5.1.6 The scholarship also covers a return airfare by the most economical route. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion of studies.

5.1.7 Awardees will have to make their own arrangements to pay for their one-way air tickets and then apply for refund upon arrival in Mauritius by providing the necessary original receipts and documentation. Those awardees travelling from countries that require a return ticket as a condition of their exit immigration at the point of departure will have to make arrangements for the same at their own cost.

The cost of the cancellation penalty fees of this return ticket will be refunded to the awardee by the authorities in Mauritius.

Note: Reimbursement of air ticket cost.

The authorities in Mauritius will refund airfare from awardee's country to Mauritius by the **most economical route**.

5.1.8 Students should inform in writing the HEI to which they have been admitted of their travel schedule well in advance.

5.1.9 Students who choose to have their family members or relatives or friends join them for visits in Mauritius will be fully responsible for their airfare, living expenses and any other expenses related to such visits.

5.1.10 If a HEI terminates the enrolment of a student or if a student decides to return to his/her country of citizenship before the completion of the course, he/she will NOT be entitled to a return ticket. This cost will have to be borne by the student himself/herself.

5.1.11 The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to his/her travel during vacation time.

5.1.12 The awardee will sign an undertaking to leave Mauritius as soon as his/her programme of study comes to an end.



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5.2 Health and Travel Insurances

Beneficiaries are entitled to free basic health care in public hospitals in Mauritius. Arrangements for any health insurance and travel insurance will have to be made by the awardees themselves.

5.3 Accommodation

Awardees will have to make prior arrangements with the HEI in Mauritius with regard to accommodation facilities available.

6. Other conditions of the Scholarship

6.1 Submission of Progress Reports

The HEI will submit semester/annual academic progress reports and quarterly attendance reports for continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Higher Education Commission and copied to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

6.2 Renewal of Scholarship

6.2.1 Scholarships will be renewable on a yearly basis, subject to successful completion of the previous year of study and subsequent enrolment into the following year.

6.2.2 The Government of Mauritius will discontinue scholarship disbursements in case the student is not promoted to the next academic year. Scholarship disbursement will only be resumed upon submission of documents certifying that the awardee has cleared any academic backlog and is enrolled in the following academic year.

6.3 Termination of scholarship

The scholarship may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, progress or attendance, breach of the HEI Rules and Regulations or for any breach of the Mauritian laws

7. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Certified copy of biodata page of passport
- Certified copies of educational certificates
- Certified copies of transcripts
- 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 a Mauritian public HEI that the application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid;
- Medical certificate to be duly filled and signed by a registered Medical Practitioner in Section 6 of the Application Form. This should be appropriately stamped; and



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8. LIST OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) AND THEIR TENTATIVE APPLICATION WINDOWS

8.1 Application for the April 2022 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Undergraduate (diploma/degree) Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Technology, Mauritius	December 2021	March 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	December 2021	February 2022	www.poly.ac.mu

8.2 Application for the October 2022 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Undergraduate (diploma/dégré) Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Mauritius	June 2022	August 2022	www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius	June 2022	August 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Fashion and Design Institute	April 2022	August 2022	www.fdi.ac.mu
Université des Mascareignes	May 2022	August 2022	www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	June 2022	August 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu
Rabindranath Tagore Institute	June 2022	August 2022	www.mgirti.ac.mu
Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	July 2022	August 2022	www.mitd.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	July 2022	August 2022	www.poly.ac.mu

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MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2022 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS Masters Programmes

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 **postgraduate** programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

Under this current scheme the following Masters' programmes are being offered:

SN	Higher Education Institutions	Masters' Programme
1	University of Technology, Mauritius	M.Sc Climate Change, Health & Disaster Management (Full-Time)
2	Université des Mascareignes	Masters in Sustainable Business Management (Full-Time)

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals and foreign nationals residing in Mauritius are NOT eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

Applicants should not have reached 35 years by 22 August 2022.

1.3 Qualification requirements to be eligible for Masters' programmes

Applicants should have successfully completed an undergraduate degree with:

- (i) at least an **upper second class** from a recognized higher education institution;
OR
- (ii) a **GPA / CPA greater than 60%** from a recognized higher education institution;
OR
- (iii) alternative qualifications acceptable to the Ministry.

Note:

- a. Candidates should submit their **detailed study plan of about 750 words** along with their application
- b. Candidates **already holding a Masters' degree or its equivalent will not be considered.**
- c. Course requirements and information on the specific Masters' Programmes are available on the website of the Higher Education Institutions as follows:
 - i. University of Technology, Mauritius – M.Sc Climate Change, Health & Disaster Management**



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http://www.utm.ac.mu/files/sthug/programmes/ssdt/PG2018/MSc_Climate_Change_Health_and_Disaster_Management_UTM_Programme_-_AC_MAY_2018.pdf

ii. **Université des Mascareignes - Masters in Sustainable Business Management**
<https://adm.ac.mu/course/master-in-sustainable-business-management/>

d. The onus for the provision of equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.

1.4 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius will **NOT** be eligible to apply for the same programme level under this Scholarship Scheme.

1.5 Scholarships will **NOT** be awarded for:

- Applicants already holding a Masters' degree;
- Part-time courses;
- Distance Education programmes; or
- Courses other than those mentioned above.

2. Application Procedures

2.1 The Application Form

The application form obtainable from the websites below must be filled in **electronically**, printed and then signed: <https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx> or <http://highereducationmauritius.com>

2.2 Application to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

2.2.1 All applicants must have already applied for at least one full-time on-campus Masters' programme at one of the public HEIs listed in the introduction. This application must be made as may either:

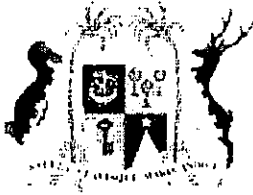
- (a) obtain a **conditional offer (letter of admission)** from their chosen Mauritian public HEI and submit this along with the scholarship application: OR
- (b) submit an **acknowledgement notice** from a Mauritian public HEI that the application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid.

Note: The application fee shall be refunded to successful applicants

2.2.2 Applicants must submit the completed **Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Application Form** along with documents as per the **Checklist (Section 7)** in this document to their respective Nominating Agencies. This should be done by a deadline to be determined by the Nominating Agency and communicated to prospective applicants.

2.2.3 Candidates must also submit the fully completed **Application Form** and certified copies of the following documents as part of their application to their local Nominating Agency:

- (i) Birth Certificate;
- (ii) Relevant educational certificates and transcripts;
- (iii) Medical certificate to be filled and stamped by a registered medical practitioner in **Section 6** of the Application Form;
- (iv) Copy of passport biodata page (*if available*);
- (v) A study plan.



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Note:

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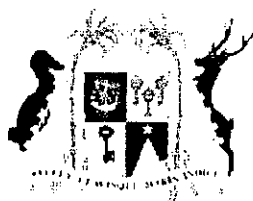
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The awardees should:

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Note: Reimbursement of air ticket cost.

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The HEI will submit semester/annual academic progress reports and quarterly attendance reports for continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Higher Education Commission and copied to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

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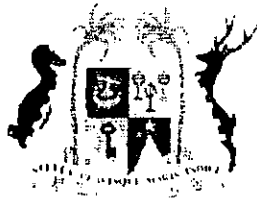
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The scholarship may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, progress or attendance, breach of the HEI Rules and Regulations or for any breach of the Mauritian laws.

7. Checklist of Documents to be submitted to Nominating Agency

- Completed Application Form
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Certified copy of biodata page of passport (if available)
- Certified copies of educational certificates



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- 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 a Mauritian public HEI that the application for a seat has been made and the appropriate application fee has been paid;
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8. LIST OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) AND THEIR TENTATIVE APPLICATION WINDOWS

8.1 Application for the April 2022 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

For Masters Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
	Opening	Closing	
University of Technology, Mauritius	December 2021	March 2022	www.utm.ac.mu

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For Masters Programme			
Institution	Tentative application window		Website
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University of Technology, Mauritius	May 2022	August 2022	www.utm.ac.mu
Université des Mascareignes	May 2022	August 2022	www.udm.ac.mu

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MAURITIUS AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2022 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS MPhil / PhD PROGRAMMES

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 **MPhil/PhD** programmes tenable in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be resident citizens of member states of the African Union or of African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals and foreign nationals residing in Mauritius are NOT eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

Applicants should not have reached **40 years** by 22 August 2022.

1.3 Required Qualifications

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

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1.3.3 Applicants should also secure a seat in one of the HEIs and submit evidence thereof along with their application.

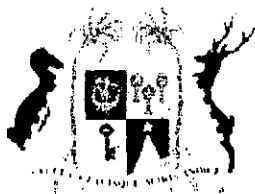
Note:

- i. The onus to provide an equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants
- ii. Candidates should submit their **detailed research plan** (of about 1500 words) along with their application.
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1.4 Self-financing African students already studying in Mauritius are NOT eligible to apply for the same programme level under this Scholarship Scheme.

1.5 Scholarships will NOT be awarded for:

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2. Application Procedures

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The application form obtainable from the websites below must be filled in electronically, printed and then signed: <https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx> or <http://highereducationmauritius.com>

2.2 Application to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

2.2.1 An applicant may either:

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OR
- (b) submit 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

Note: The application fee shall be refunded to successful applicants.

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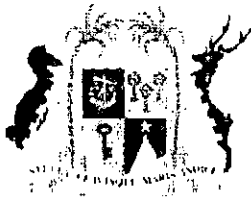
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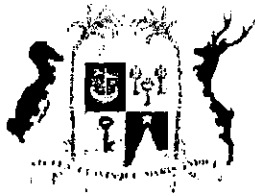
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8. LIST OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) WHERE SCHOLARSHIP IS TENABLE

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/themcs.pdf
Université des Mascareignes	List of Potential Supervisors at Université des Mascareignes - https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Mauritius-Africa-Scholarships-2020.aspx
University of Technology, Mauritius	Director General
	directorgeneral@umail.utm.ac.mu
	Registrar
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