

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME 2020

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of **two** scholarships (preferably one male and one female) offered by the Government of New Zealand through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) (Scholarships Division) for studies at Postgraduate Level for academic year starting in **2021**.

2. The scholarship is tenable at one of the following **eleven** universities:-

- (i) Auckland University of Technology www.aut.ac.nz (scholarships@aut.ac.nz)
- (ii) University of Canterbury – www.canterbury.ac.nz (international@canterbury.ac.nz)
- (iii) Lincoln University - www.lincoln.ac.nz (scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)
- (iv) Massey University – www.massey.ac.nz (international@massey.ac.nz)
- (v) University of Otago – www.otago.ac.nz (international.admissions@otago.ac.nz)
- (vi) Unitec Institute of Technology – www.unitec.ac.nz (international@unitec.ac.nz)
- (vii) University of Auckland – www.auckland.ac.nz (int-questions@auckland.ac.nz)
- (viii) Victoria University of Wellington – www.victoria.ac.nz (VUW-NZAID@vuw.ac.nz)
- (ix) University of Waikato – www.waikato.ac.nz (int.centre@waikato.ac.nz)
- (x) Southern Institute of Technology – www.sit.ac.nz/International
- (xi) Waikato Institute of Technology – www.wintec.ac.nz/international

3. Priority Sectors of study

Candidates should apply to study in academic disciplines relating to one or more of the following:

- (i) Good Governance**
 - Governance
 - Government: Public Policy, Public Management, Policy and Governance.
- (ii) Climate Change and the Environment**
 - Food Security and Agriculture
 - Agricommerce
 - Agribusiness
 - Farm management
 - Agricultural technology
 - Dairy systems
 - Agriculture and /or Horticulture Management
 - Rural development
 - Supply chain management

- Renewable Energy
 - Geothermal, Solar, Hydro-electric and Wind Energy
 - Energy Engineering
 - Renewable Energy Distribution Systems and Technologies
 - Market reform and sector management including Energy Economics
 - Energy Efficiency

4. Eligibility Requirements

4.1 Qualifications

(A) For Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects, including English Language, at one and same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' level with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a Pass in General Paper; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Second Class Bachelor's degree.

(B) For PhD

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC with three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting and a pass in General Paper;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A Master's degree.

OR

An alternative qualification equivalent to above.

It is the responsibility of candidates to provide any relevant documentation relating to the equivalence of certificates.

Note: Candidates who are selected for the scholarship may be required to provide evidence of International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores which are no more than two years old and meet the minimum requirement for entry into their preferred programme of study.

Candidates who do not have these tests are strongly advised to initiate arrangements to sit for these at the earliest available slots.

4.2 However, each institution set their desired English language requirements and these may be different depending on the qualification of candidates. Candidates are strongly recommended to contact their preferred education institution to find out what are the English language requirement for chosen programme of study.

4.3 Age Limit

Candidates must not be more than 39 years of age by the 31st December 2020.

4.4 Candidates should, along with the application forms, also submit any examinations results, academic transcripts and References reports. Candidates are also expected to indicate in their application whether they have been recipient of any academic prizes and evidence of publications where appropriate.

4.5 Incomplete or inadequate filling of application form may entail elimination of candidate.

4.6 Applicants are also encouraged to provide evidence of other relevant activities pertaining to their field of application.

5. Conditions of Scholarship

5.1 Applicants must provide documentary evidence of at least one year full time (or 2 years part-time) work experience relevant to their field of study.

5.2 The scholarship covers tuition fees, allowances and international airfares as approved by the New Zealand authorities.

5.3 Candidates are not required to have a formal offer of study at the time of their application. Doctoral candidates must however provide a letter of recommendation from a supervisor in New Zealand approving the candidate's research as part of their application.

5.4 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

5.5 Applicants should demonstrate strong academic abilities, leadership qualities and a commitment to return to the home country.

5.6 Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

5.7 The final decision to award the scholarships rests with the New Zealand Authorities.

5.8 Nominees who are offered a Commonwealth Scholarship must:

- (a) have been residing in the Republic of Mauritius for at least 2 years until taking up the scholarship in New Zealand;
- (b) be able to satisfy any Immigration New Zealand requirements for international student entry to New Zealand (i.e. medical examination and police clearance/character checks, etc.). The following website may be consulted for further information:
www.immigration.govt.nz
- (c) not hold another scholarship during the period of the Commonwealth Scholarship;
- (d) not have been beneficiaries of New Zealand Scholarships and have had that scholarship terminated because of poor academic performance (within the past 5 years) or breach of scholarship contract.
- (e) agree in writing that they will return to their country of citizenship for a minimum period of two years following completion of their scholarship in order to contribute to their country's social or economic development.
- (f) The applicant should not hold dual citizenship with any of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Chile, any European Union country, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, or Uruguay.

6. Mode of Application

- 6.1 Applications must be made on the application form 'New Zealand Tertiary Scholarships 2020 Selection', available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology 1st Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or downloadable from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

- 6.2 Candidates should ensure that **certified copies** of both birth and academic certificates (School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, Degree or Equivalent), transcripts of final university results/ marksheets and all other relevant documents are submitted to the Scholarships Section **by the closing date. Non-submission of these documents on time will result in their elimination from the selection exercise.** Certification of documents can be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology or at the Careers Guidance Service, NPF Building, Rose Hill. Where original documents are not in English, certified true copies of official English translations should be provided at the time of application.
- 6.3 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Tuesday 31 March 2020 at 14.00 hours at latest.**

- 6.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.5 Applicants must fill in the application form 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 who has to confirm, in writing, whether the applicant would be released for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available by the closing date on the prescribed form available from the Scholarships Sections or the Ministry's website.***
- 6.6 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

26 February 2020

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