



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

MAURITIUS AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2026 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS MPhil, MPhil /PhD and 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 African Commonwealth countries for full-time, on-campus **MPhil, MPhil/PhD and 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 African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals are **NOT** eligible to apply under this Scheme.

1.2 Age Limit

Applicants should not have reached their **40th** birthday by 01 January 2027.

1.3 Required Qualifications

1.3.1 For PhD programme: direct entry will be allowed provided the applicants meet the requirements (**indicated in Section 1.6**) of the Higher Education Institution.

1.3.2 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 and meeting the requirements (**indicated in Section 1.6**) of the Higher Education Institution.

1.3.3 For MPhil programme: A recognised undergraduate degree with at least **an upper second class** degree (or CPA / GPA greater than 60%) and meeting the requirements (**indicated in Section 1.6**) of the Higher Education Institution.

Conditions:

Applicants are informed that application for Scholarship is a two-stage process:

1. Apply for a seat in a public HEI by end of January 2026. The HEI will provide the applicant a receipt of having applied for a seat.
2. In the second instance, the applicant will fill and submit the application form with copies of all documents listed in **section 7** through his/her respective nominating agency.
3. Applicant must have a confirmed seat at the university for consideration of an award at the time of final selection.



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Note:

- i. The onus to provide an equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.
- ii. At the time of the application, candidates must provide the **name of their proposed supervisor(s) and upload the written acceptance of their proposed supervisor(s)**. The list of research themes/ research interests can be consulted from the websites of the different HEIs (refer to **section 1.6**).
- iii. Candidates should submit an **Abridged Research Proposal**, as per the format below, along with their application.

Format of Abridged Research Proposal

- 1 Proposed Title of Research
- 2 Aims/Objectives of your Research (max 200 words)
- 3 Background and significance of your research (max 200 words)
- 4 Brief description of Methodology, indicating clearly how you intend to conduct the research and the data collection (Max 300 words)
- 5 Tentative timeframe of your study with an emphasis on data collection.
- 6 Any equipment, Lab, software... that will be required
- 7 Name and contact details of identified supervisors in Mauritius

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 PhD;
- Part-time courses; or
- Distance education programmes.
- Mixed/ Blended modes (Distance Learning and on campus learning)

1.6 Requirements of the different Higher Education Institutions

1.6.1 University of Mauritius

Entry Requirements

MPhil or MPhil/PhD: A Bachelor with Honours with at least a 2nd Class in the relevant field or equivalent.

PhD: MPhil research degree or equivalent in the relevant field.

Contact

List to potential supervisors for MPhil, MPhil/PhD and PhD studies on
<http://www.uom.ac.mu/Images/Files/Research/themes.pdf>

1.6.2 University of Technology, Mauritius

Entry Requirements

MPhil or MPhil/PhD: A Bachelor with Honours with at least a 2nd Class in the 1st Division

PhD: A Bachelor with Honours Degree and a Master's Degree, with at least one of the degrees being in the field of Doctoral study

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List to potential supervisors for **MPhil, MPhil/PhD and PhD** studies
<https://www.utm.ac.mu/utm/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/LIST-OF-POTENTIAL-SUPERVISORS-FOR-THE-UNIVERSITY-OF-TECHNOLOGY-word-version.pdf>



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1.6.3 Université des Mascareignes

Entry Requirements

MPhil	At least an Upper Second class Honours degree (or overseas equivalent) in a related subject area.
MPhil/PhD	At least an Upper Second class Honours degree (or overseas equivalent) in a related subject area.
PhD	An MPhil or a Master's degree (or overseas equivalent) in a related subject area.

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List of potential supervisors for **MPhil**, **MPhil/PhD** and **PhD** studies at <https://udm.ac.mu/staff-profile>

1.6.4 Mauritius Institute of Education

MPhil/ Full Time Programme:

- (a) Master of Philosophy in Education, MPhil (Ed) Programme – Full-time
- (b) Master of Philosophy in Mathematics Education, MPhil (ME) programme – Full-time

Entry Requirements

- (i) 2nd Class Honours degree or above in the relevant field, which includes a dissertation/ research project;
- (ii) **Either** a Master's Degree in a related field with a substantial research component;
Or a postgraduate award which includes the completion of a research project;
Or evidence of research experience;
Or professional experience, which can be considered equivalent in terms of research skills acquired and capacity for independent work.

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(a) Master of Philosophy in Education, MPhil (Ed) Programme – Full-time

Dr Hyleen Mariaye, h.mariaye@mie.ac.mu

(b) Master of Philosophy in Mathematics Education, MPhil (ME) Programme – Full-time

Dr Ajay Ramful, a.ramful@mie.ac.mu



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2. Application Procedure

2.1 The Application Form

The application form can be obtained from the website below and must be filled in, printed and then signed:

<https://tertiaryeducation.govmu.org/te/index.php/mass/>

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 a receipt of payment of the application fee** from their chosen Mauritian public HEI along with the scholarship application.

Note: The application fee shall be refunded to successful applicants

2.2.2 Applicants must submit the completed **Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Application Form** and copies of all uploaded documents as per the Checklist (**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. Applicants must produce original certificates to the Ministry within two weeks of their arrival in Mauritius.
- (iii) Medical certificate to be filled and stamped by a registered medical practitioner in **Section 6** of the Application Form; and
- (iv) Copy of passport biodata page (*if available*).
- (v) *Letter of acceptance from their Supervisor(s)*

NB: Applicant will need to have a certificate of character/certificate of morality/certificate of good conduct or equivalent, issued by the competent authorities in the country of origin, for processing of VISA

Note:

- 1) The Mauritian authorities will check the authenticity of all educational certificates, and applicants must produce original certificates upon arrival in Mauritius.
- 2) Non-submission of the documents mentioned in section 2.2.3 or incorrect or incomplete filling of the application form **will** result in disqualification of the applicant;
- 3) The applicant must sign the Declaration in **Section 4** of the Application Form;



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- 4) Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts, if not in French or English, must be submitted along with a certified translation in one of these two languages;
- 5) In **Section 3** of the Application Form, applicants should indicate the title of their proposed research and the institution(s) where they have secured a seat or for which they have applied for enrolment and
- 6) This Ministry will process applications that have been received **exclusively** from the Nominating Agency in the applicant's country of citizenship.

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, typically part of the Ministry of Education, will shortlist and nominate candidates for **MPhil, MPhil/PhD and PhD** programmes (indicating 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..
- 3.2 Applications from candidates who do not have the endorsement of their Nominating Agencies, or in the absence thereof, that of the Ministry of Education, will **NOT** be considered.
- 3.3 Candidates who have not been informed of their selection for the award of a scholarship within six months of the MASS application deadline should consider that they have not been selected. We **do not encourage** individual queries.
- 3.4 Selection of candidates for the Scholarship will be based on merit, having satisfied all conditions attached to the scholarship and upon confirmation from the HEIs that the applicant has been offered a seat.
- 3.5 The list of successful applicants for each Member State will be communicated to their respective Nominating Agencies once the selection exercise has been completed. The Mauritian Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research will, in parallel, issue the successful applicants with a Scholarship Agreement Form. Upon appointment, within two weeks of their arrival in Mauritius, awardees should submit the signed agreement along with the original of all qualifications submitted as part of the application. The process of verifying the authenticity of qualifications will be initiated at this point. If found not authentic, the scholarship will be terminated immediately and awardee will have to leave the country as soon as possible and as per the requirements of the Passport and Immigration Office..



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- 3.6** The final decision to award a scholarship rests with the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research. This decision shall be final and binding. **The Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research reserves the right not to respond to queries regarding the scholarship process.**

4. Financial Conditions of the Scholarship

4.1 Tuition fees and course-related costs

- 4.1.1 This scholarship provides for an annual payment of fees and other studies-related costs (e.g. general/annual fees/miscellaneous fees and laboratory consumables etc) as per the 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 25 August 2025, 1 USD = MUR 45.65)

- 4.1.2 Awardees will **NOT** be allowed to transfer to another HEI or shift course of study once granted a Scholarship.
- 4.1.3 Education fees and other studies-related costs over the amounts mentioned above shall be borne by the awardee.
- 4.1.4 The student will have to bear All costs associated with any examination re-sit or repeat of any academic year.
- 4.1.5 The scholarship for PhD studies will be for a maximum duration of THREE (3) years, plus a maximum period of 6 months for thesis defence
- 4.1.6 The scholarship for MPhil/PhD studies will be for a maximum duration of four (4) years, plus a maximum period of 6 months for thesis defence.
- 4.1.7 The scholarship for MPhil studies will be for a maximum duration of TWO (2) years, plus a maximum period of 6 months for thesis defence
- 4.1.8 No request for extension of scholarship will be entertained. The applicant will have to bear the cost of any expenses incurred beyond the time frames mentioned above.
- 4.1.9 No request for additional grants will be entertained.
- 4.1.10 The student must bear any costs pertaining to fieldwork overseas or the purchase of books.
- 4.1.11 Awardees who have to go abroad during the period of scholarship for data collection will receive their full monthly living allowance while outside Mauritius. This would be subject to a typical maximum duration of **four to six months**, which may be over 2 periods during the whole study period, subject to formal approval of the supervisor and the institution.



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All costs associated with such activity (including airfare) shall have to be borne by the student.

The awardee should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Research, through the institution, of the travelling period **two months in advance**.

Note: Project supervisor(s) should give their consent in writing when any MASS awardee student is going for conferences / workshops / seminars etc both locally and abroad at least two (2) months in advance.

4.2 Living allowance

4.2.1 Awardees are expected to have funds to purchase an air ticket to come to Mauritius along with sufficient funds (at least USD 1000) to meet expenses during the initial phase of their stay (about three (3) months) while formalities are being completed locally.

4.2.2 A monthly living allowance of **MUR 16,500**, 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 monthly, subject to the submission of evidence of satisfactory progress and 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 **four (6) weeks** following the last day of examinations.

4.2.4 An awardee should inform the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research in writing through their respective project supervisor(s) at least **two (2) weeks in advance** if he/she has to leave Mauritius for any reason except for data collection where they will have to inform the Ministry at least two (2) months in advance. Awardees are advised to read the **"Guidelines for MASS awardees travelling abroad"** in case they intend to travel during their scholarship period.

4.3 Other conditions

The awardees should:

- i. abide by the latest government regulations regarding public health;
- ii. abide by the protocols set up by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius;
- iii. be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius as per the regulations of the respective institution to which they have been enrolled;
- 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. not later than one month after arrival in Mauritius, to undergo a medical check-up as per the Passport and Immigration Office requirements (<http://passport.govmu.org>) in any public hospital in Mauritius, and the test results shall be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office, with a copy to the Ministry.

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



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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.
- 5.1.2 For visa application procedures, the awardee must liaise with the HEI where s/he has secured a seat.
- 5.1.3 The PIO will process the visa application and issue a provisional entry permit to enable the awardee to travel to Mauritius.
- 5.1.4 The provisional entry permit and student visa are subject to the immigration laws and policies prevailing in Mauritius.
- 5.1.5 The awardee must ensure that s/he holds a **provisional entry permit issued by the PIO before travelling to Mauritius**
- 5.1.6 Students must have a passport valid for the whole duration of the course enrolled.
- 5.1.7 The scholarship also covers a return airfare by the most economical route to Mauritius. This will be valid for travel from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin after the scholarship period has lapsed.
- 5.1.8 Awardees must make their own arrangements to pay for their one-way air tickets and then apply for a refund upon arrival in Mauritius by providing the necessary original receipts issued in their name 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 the awardee's country to Mauritius by the most economical route.
- 5.1.9 Students should inform in writing the HEI to which they have been admitted of their travel schedule at least two (2) weeks in advance.
- 5.1.10 Students who choose to have their family members, relatives, or friends join them for visits to Mauritius will be fully responsible for their airfare, living expenses and any other related expenses.
- 5.1.11 If the enrolling HEI terminates an awardee's enrolment or if an awardee decides to stop his/her studentship before the completion of the course, the awardee will NOT be entitled to a return ticket. This cost will have to be borne by the awardee.
- 5.1.12 The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to their travel during vacation time.



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5.1.13 The awardee will sign an undertaking to leave Mauritius as soon as their programme of study ends.

5.2 Health and Travel Insurances

Beneficiaries are entitled to free health care in public hospitals in Mauritius. The awardees will have to make arrangements for health and travel insurance.

5.3 Accommodation

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

6. Other conditions of the Scholarship

6.1 Submission of Progress Reports

The HEI will submit monthly progress reports for the continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research.

6.2 Renewal of Scholarship

6.2.1 Scholarships will be renewable yearly, subject to the 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 if 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 for unsatisfactory conduct, submission of fake documents, poor progress or attendance, breach of the HEI Rules and Regulations or any breach of the Mauritian laws. The awardee will have to leave the country within two weeks of termination.

6.3.1 In case of interruption of studies, for any reason whatsoever, scholarship disbursements will be suspended for the whole period of interruption. The awardee will be required to bear the cost of maintaining his/her studentship and provide evidence of being able to cover his/her living expenses while in Mauritius; failure to do so will result in the termination of the scholarship. The awardee will have to inform the HEI and the Ministry, at least 2 weeks before your intended date for resumption.

6.3.2 Interruption of studies to take up employment, whether in Mauritius or elsewhere, will lead to the automatic termination of this scholarship and cancellation of the student visa. The awardee will then be automatically in mora to refund to the Government of Mauritius the whole amount paid for his/her studies, and the total living allowance paid, along with the airfare.



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If a student is declared medically unfit by a government-approved medical practitioner, the Government of Mauritius reserves the right to cause the studies to be interrupted, subject to the regulations in force in the HEI. All expenses under MASS will be suspended and reinstated once the student resumes his/her studies.

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
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Copy of receipt from a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius;
- 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 signed.
- Acceptance letter from Supervisor(s)

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

Application for the July/September 2026 intake may be made at any of the following institutions:

Institution	Website to submit application
University of Mauritius	https://uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-at-uom/admissions/programmes-on-offer/international-applicants
University of Technology, Mauritius	https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/View/
Université des Mascareignes	www.udm.ac.mu
Mauritius Institute of Education	http://apply.mie.mu

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