



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2026

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 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 African Commonwealth countries. Mauritian nationals 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 01 January 2027

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 examination 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 those mentioned above 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.
- (e) For those coming from a French speaking country, at least an overall average of 60% or an overall average of 12/20;



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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 also 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 equivalent to A level; **OR**
- (iii) qualification equivalent to (i) 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. Candidates whose language of instruction is not English may be requested to have a verbal interaction virtually prior to the award of the scholarship.

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;
- Distance Education programmes; or
- Mixed/ Blended modes (Distance Learning and on campus learning)

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.



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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** and all 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*).

NB: Successful candidates 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;
- 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 programme(s) and the institution(s) where they have secured a seat or to 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



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diploma and degree 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.
- 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 will not 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. The award will be made based on the first choice in the application form for which a seat has been obtained.
- 4.1.3** 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 fees and other studies-related costs associated with any examination re-sit or repeat of any academic year.



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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 an extension of scholarship will be entertained beyond the minimum course duration. The applicant will have to bear the cost of **any** expenses incurred beyond the minimum course duration.

4.1.7 No request for additional grants will be entertained.

4.1.8 The student must bear any costs pertaining to fieldwork overseas or the purchase of books.

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 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 **six (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 at least **two (2) weeks in advance** if he/she has to leave Mauritius for any reason. 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:

- abide by the latest government regulations regarding public health;
- abide by the protocols set up by Mauritian authorities for passengers travelling to Mauritius;
- be available to commence their academic studies in Mauritius as per the regulations of the respective institution to which they have been enrolled;
- 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
- 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.



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Note: The Ministry reserves the right to request an applicant to undergo any 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.

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 and documentations issued in their name. 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 purchase same at their own cost.

The cost equivalent to a one-way ticket along with any cancellation charges for this return ticket will be refunded to the awardee by the authorities in Mauritius.

Note: Reimbursement- Refund of air ticket cost.

The authorities in Mauritius will refund airfare from the awardee's country to Mauritius by the most economical route as calculated by the procedure in place at the Ministry.

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 Awardees who choose to have their family members, relatives, or friends visit them in 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.



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

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 insurances.

5.3 Accommodation

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

6. Other conditions of the Scholarship

6.1 Submission of Progress Reports

The HEI will submit quarterly attendance and progress reports for the continuation of scholarship disbursements. These reports will be submitted to the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research. Should the report be unsatisfactory, the Ministry reserve the right to recoup money at rate of 25% of your monthly stipends for any non-compliance.

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 disbursement related to all fees and other studies-related costs if the student is not promoted to the next academic year. This 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/Interruption 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 This scholarship may be suspended or terminated at any time for breach of the local laws or unsatisfactory conduct, poor academic progress, failure in more than 50% of your modules in any semester, or an overall attendance lower than 70%.

6.3.2 The Government of Mauritius will stop all fees and other studies-related costs in case the awardee fails more than 50% of his/her examinations in any semester. The payment of the scholarship will resume upon submission of documents certifying that the awardee has succeeded in the re-sit/repeat examinations. The awardee will not be entitled to any arrears and will have to bear the cost of both the tuition fees and the living expenses until such time as he/she has succeeded in the re-sit/repeat examinations.



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

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

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
- 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 receipt from a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius; and
- 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.

8. 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:

For Undergraduate (diploma/degree) Programme								
Institution	Tentative application window		Start of the Academic Year 2025	Website to submit application				
	Opening	Closing						
University of Mauritius	01 October 2025	27 February 2026	August 2026 (Tentative)	https://apply.uom.ac.mu/internationalappjulyintake/StartPage.aspx				
University of Technology, Mauritius	December 2025	March 2026	October Intake 2026 - End of October 2026	https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/View/				
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				3	BSc (Hons) Management (Marketing);	
				4	BSc (Hons) Management (Law);	
				5	BSc (Hons) Human Resource Management;	
				6	BSc (Hons) Banking and International Finance;	
				7	BA (Hons) Counselling;	School of Sustainable Development and Tourism
				8	BSc (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality Management;	
				9	BSc (Hons) Software Engineering;	School of Innovative of Technologies and Engineering
				10	BSc (Hons) Web Technologies;	
				11	BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Network Security;	
				12	BA (Hons) Graphics Design.	
Academy of Design and Innovation	Second week of November 2025	Second week of March 2026	second week of October 2026	http://www.adi.ac.mu or admission@adi.ac.mu		
Université des Mascareignes	December 2025	February 2026	August 2026	w https://udm.ac.mu/apply-now		
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	01 October 2025	27 February 2026	August 2026 (Tentative)	https://apply.uom.ac.mu/internationalappjulyintake/StartPage.aspx		
Rabindranath Tagore Institute	01 October 2025	27 February 2026	August 2026 (Tentative)	https://apply.uom.ac.mu/internationalappjulyintake/StartPage.aspx		
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	October 2025	February 2026	September 2026	https://poly.classe365.com/form/view/Admission form_2023_2024_International_students		

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