REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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

MAURITIUS – AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2025
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 2026

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;

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. Selected candidates will 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; or
- Distance Education programmes;
- 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 websites below and must be filled in electronically, printed and then signed:
http://ministry-education.govmu.org 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) An applicant must **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 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).*

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 above 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 research and the institution(s) where they have secured a seat or for which they have applied for enrolment and

6) All applications must be made **exclusively** through the Nominating Agency in the applicant's country of citizenship, 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, typically part of the Ministry of Education, will shortlist and nominate candidates for 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.

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, along with the original of all qualifications submitted. The process of verifying the authenticity of qualifications will be initiated at this point. If found not authentic, the scholarship will be terminated immediately.

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 Mauritian Ministry of Education 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 and miscellaneous fees, 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 30 September 2024, 1 USD = MUR 45.93)

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 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. The applicant will have to bear the cost of any expenses incurred beyond the time frames mentioned above.

4.1.7 No request for additional grants will be entertained.

4.1.8 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 (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 (4) weeks following the last day of examinations.

4.2.4 An awardee should inform the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology 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:

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 Mauritian Ministry of Education reserves the right to request an applicant 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 place.

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 Issuing a provisional entry permit and student visa is 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. 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.

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 well 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 a HEI terminates a student's enrolment or if a student decides to return to his/her country of citizenship 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.

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 quarterly attendance and progress reports for the 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 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.

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, and send the student back to the country of origin. All expenses under MASS will be suspended and resume once the student returns to Mauritius.

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 2025 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	14 October 2024	18 February 2025	28 July 2025 (Tentative)	https://www.uom.ac.mu
University of Technology, Mauritius	November 2024	February 2025	07 October 2025 (Tentative)	https://admission.utm.ac.mu/Student/View/ The following programmes are on offer:
Academy of Design and Innovation				http://www.adi.ac.mu
Université des Mascareignes	January 2025	April 2025	Mid-August 2025	www.udm.ac.mu
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	14 October 2024	18 February 2025	28 July 2025 (Tentative)	**By email :** admissions@mgi.ac.mu
Rabindranath Tagore Institute	14 October 2024	18 February 2025	28 July 2025 (Tentative)	**By email :** admissions@mgi.ac.mu

SN	Programmes	School
1	BSc (Hons) Management - General;	School of Business, Management and Finance
2	BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance - ACCA, ICAEW accredited;	
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.	

Mauritius Institute of Training and Development				www.mitd.mu
Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	October 2024	10 February 2025	September 2025	https://poly.ac.mu/e-enrollment/ https://poly.classe365.com/form/view/Admission_form_2023_2024_International_students
Mauritius Institute of Education	Mid-October 2024	Mid-November 2024	January 2026	http://apply.mie.mu

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