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SADC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has launched the SADC annual scholarship contest for the academic year 2022/2023, for full-time taught Master's or Doctoral studies in social sciences. The scholarships will be tenable in one of the universities, institutes of technology or public teaching and research institutes in the SADC region. A total of **five** scholarships will be available for the SADC region.

2. Fields of Study

- 2.1 (i) Historical dimensions of development and peace in the SADC region since colonialism;
- (ii) Regional Economic and Political Integration; and
- (iii) Democracy.

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 For Studies at Master's Level

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in five subjects including English at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) a minimum standard of 2nd class Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized University.

3.2 For Studies at PhD Level

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in five subjects including English at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) a minimum standard of 2nd class Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized University; and
- (iv) A Master's Degree.

Or

An alternative qualification equivalent to the above.

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

3.3. **Age Limit**

3.3.1 By the closing date of applications, candidates for Master's level, should be of a maximum age of 30 years for male and 35 years for female and for Doctoral studies, applicants should be of a maximum age of 35 years for male and 40 years for female.

3.4. **Other requirements and Conditions of Scholarships**

3.4.1 Applicants should:

- (i) be a citizen of a SADC Member State;
- (ii) return to country of citizenship after completion of the scholarship.

3.4.2 All applicants must submit an essay of not more than 500 words which explains choice of study and its importance to the memories of the SADC Founders.

3.4.3 Applicants should also submit the following:

- (i) Certified copies of Passport or National I.D. card indicating citizenship;
- (ii) Recent coloured passport-size photograph;
- (iii) Detailed CV with names and contacts of three referees;
- (iv) Copy of admission letter from a recognized University in the SADC region; and
- (v) Two (2) Reference Letters with contact details.

Note: Applicants are advised to consult the relevant recognized professional qualification body to ascertain recognition status of the course/professional qualification applied for. This is in view of ensuring recognition should there be such a subsequent requirement for professional registration.

3.4.4 The scholarship covers a monthly living allowance of USD 1,000.00 to cover essential expenditure, tuition fees, health insurance, an economy class return airfare and housing allowance. The scholarship duration is 12–24 months (depending on the particular institution) for Masters and 36–48 months for PhD programmes.

3.4.5 The monthly living allowance will be paid to the students' official bank accounts. Upon being awarded the scholarships, the students will be given detailed information about the payment procedures of the scholarship. The first instalment of the scholarship can only be received after the completion of University enrolment and the submission of all the documents requested according to the necessary administrative procedures.

4. **Mode of Application**

4.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org/>

- 4.2 Candidates should ensure that **certified copies** of transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications 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 may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill.
- 4.3 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Friday 20 May 2022 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
- 4.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 4.5 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and the other to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of the applicant for the course and the terms and conditions for the release. **Such information should be made available at the time of submission of application.**
5. Candidates who have not been informed of their selection within eight weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected. A Communiqué will be placed on the website of the Ministry to inform applicants when the selection exercise has been completed.
6. The SADC Secretariat reserves the right not to award any scholarship if the entries do not satisfactorily meet the competition requirements.

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