

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN - 2020

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of one (1) scholarship offered by the Republic of Azerbaijan at **Undergraduate, Masters and PhD levels** under the Educational Grant Programme for the Citizens of the Member State of NAM (for Academic Year 2020/2021).

2. Course of Study

Preference will be given to candidates whose Fields of Study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of Mauritius and to courses that also appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study 2017-2019 available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix and on the following website:

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

NOTE 1: Scholarships for Medicine at Undergraduate Level will not be available under this scheme.

NOTE 2: Candidates applying for a specialist degree in Medicine should consult the list of Universities recognised by the Medical Council of Mauritius on the following website:
<http://www.medicalcouncil.mu.org>

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Qualifications

A. Undergraduate

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credit in at least 5 subjects at one and same sitting; and
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting;

OR

An alternative qualification equivalent to above.

B. Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects 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 of Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

OR

An alternative qualification equivalent to above.

C. Doctoral Programs

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

OR

Alternative qualifications acceptable and equivalent to the above.

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

3.2 Other Requirements

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 possess the above certificate are strongly advised to make arrangements to sit for these at the earliest available slots.

- 3.3 Candidates who are shortlisted for the scholarship will be required to submit as part of their applications a copy of the biodata page of their passport.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not be more than **25** years of age for undergraduate, **30** years of age for Masters and **35** years of age for PhD Studies by the closing date for the submission of applications.

5. General Conditions

- 5.1 The scholarship covers tuition fees, International flight (once a year, economy class), monthly stipend (800 AZN, includes meals, accommodation and utilities costs), Medical insurance, Visa and registration costs as approved by the Azerbaijani Authorities.

- 5.2 Beneficiaries will not be allowed to change their courses, their institutions or extend duration of their courses.

- 5.3 **Applicants are reminded that, being nominated by the Ministry, does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarships rests with the donor country.**

- 5.4 The selection exercise carried out by the donor country would consist of two stages, review of relevant documents submitted by applicant and an (online/Skype) interview.
- 5.5 **Applicants are also reminded that the final decision of allocation of University rests with the donor country.**
- 5.6 Only the best-qualified candidates will be nominated. Candidates who have not been informed of their shortlisting within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been nominated.
- 5.7 The Student should present a Medical Certificate confirming that he/she is clear from infectious diseases (HIV, hepatitis, Tuberculosis) and is physically and psychologically healthy. Candidates are advised to initiate early procedures in view of securing this certificate such that they would be able to submit same, in case of nomination by Ministry.
- 5.8 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an 'Undertaking' of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Scholarships Section), 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.
- 5.9 Additional information on the scholarship is available at:

<http://www.aida.az/scholarship>

6. Mode of Application

- 6.1 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, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:-
<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
- 6.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Tuesday 04 February 2020 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 6.3 Candidates should ensure that originals along with certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section by **the closing date. Non-submission of these documents by the closing date 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 Career Guidance Service in Rose Hill.
- 6.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.5 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 one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available by the closing date.***

- 6.6 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English, or accompanied by a translation in English.
- 6.7 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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