



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL  
REFORMS

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**Circular Letter No. 79 of 2024**

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*From: Secretary for Public Service*

*To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments*

**AARDO IIT Madras- Scholarship for Master of Science (MS) by Research in Chennai, India**

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM), is inviting applications for a two years' full-time Master of Science (MS) by Research Degree Programme at IITM, Chennai, India, which will start in January 2025.

2. The scholarship offered under this programme covers one-time fee admission, international student tuition fee, monthly living allowances equivalent to the stipend granted to domestic students and return air ticket by economy class for selected candidates. Expenditures that are not covered include pre-scholarship expenses, namely passport and visa fee, travel/ Health Insurance Premium and Medical, telephone calls, laundry and extra baggage allowances.

3. Prospective applicants should be young officers inclined towards research careers, research and development, design and conceptualisation and should also possess-

(a) a Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology from a recognised institution or university for a minimum of four years duration; and

or

(b) an MSc Degree in appropriate Sciences or a relevant discipline from a recognised institution or university for a minimum of 3 + 2 years duration. *(Three years in a bachelor's programme followed by two years in a master's programme)*

4. The application process should be made online through the website: <https://admissions.ge.iitm.ac.in/aardo-application-form>

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5. Applicants should submit, through their respective Supervising Officers, the duly filled in documents listed below to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry (attention Miss D. Bissoondoyal) by **Thursday 07 November 2024** :-

- (i) Survey and Undertaking forms (original and 1 copy);
- (ii) Application form (original and 2 copies);
- (iii) Copies of educational and professional qualifications (Degree certificate and Mark Sheets) (3 copies);
- (iv) Birth Certificate (3 copies);
- (v) Curriculum Vitae (3 copies);
- (vi) Statement of purpose (800 to 1000 words) (3 copies);
- (vii) Two letters of reference (3 copies);
- (viii) Proof of Language proficiency (3 copies);
- (ix) Medical Certificate and x-ray reports (original and 2 copies);
- (x) Copy of passport (3 copies);
- (xi) Photo (Passport size); and
- (xii) Any other documents as requested by the organisers.

6. This Circular Letter, together with a General Guide to Admissions from the IITM can be accessed on this Ministry's website at <https://civilservice.govmu.org/Pages/Circulars%202023/circular23.aspx> The Survey and Undertaking forms are available on this Ministry's website:- <https://civilservice.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Human-Resource-Development-Division.aspx>

7. All necessary clearances should be sought by the nominating Ministry/Department, and the procedures set out in this Ministry's Circular Letter No 41 of 27 September 2016 should be strictly complied with.

8. In view of the fact that nominations for any programme are **subject to exigencies of the service**, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain approval from their respective Responsible Officers for their release in the event that they are awarded the scholarship before submitting their applications. The conditions for the release of an officer are as follows:-

- (a) an officer shall be eligible for study leave with pay in accordance with paragraph 16.4.81 of the PRB Report 2021, where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is in the list of priority field of study;
- (b) where an officer is granted study leave with pay, he will be required to enter into a bond with the Government of Mauritius in accordance with the provisions laid down in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 1 of 2022; and
- (c) where the officer does not satisfy the conditions for the grant of study leave with pay, he may opt for leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 16.4.94 (G) of the PRB Report 2021.

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9. For all overseas (face to face) training, the conditions imposed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and highlighted in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 50 of 2021, should be strictly observed.

10. You are requested to ensure that the contents of this Circular Letter are brought to the attention of all eligible public officers serving in your Ministry/Department, including those in Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies and State-owned enterprises falling under the purview of your Ministry/Department.



**K. Conhye**  
**Secretary for Public Service**

*Copy to: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service*