



**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL  
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**Circular Letter No. 84 of 2024**

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***From: Secretary for Public Service***

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

**AARDO IIT Delhi- Scholarship for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in New Delhi, India**

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD), is inviting applications for Scholarship opportunities to qualified officers to pursue Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes at the Centre for Rural Development and Technology which will start in year 2025 at the IIT Delhi, New Delhi, India. The scholarship details, including the list of PhD courses is at Annex.

2. The scholarship offered under this programme covers a monthly stipend of Indian Rupees 31,000 per month for the first two years and Indian Rupees 35,000 per month for the next two years of the programme. The cost of both way air tickets will have to be met by the nominee, except for five (5) candidates who will be sponsored by AARDO, based on the merit list to be provided by the Selection Committee of IIT-Delhi.
3. Expenditures that are not covered include:
  - (a) pre- scholarship expenses, namely passport, visa fee, vaccination and airport taxes;
  - (b) international student tuition fee;
  - (c) one-time admission fee, hostel and mess charges; and
  - (d) travel, health insurance, medical expenses and post scholarship expenses.
4. According to the eligibility criteria, applicants should be –
  - (a) young officers inclined towards research careers, Research and Development, design and conceptualisation;
  - (b) holder of a Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology (4 years or more) in the relevant discipline with at least 70% marks;  
or
  - (c) holder of a Master of Technology/Engineering (2 years or more) in the relevant discipline with at least 60% marks;  
or
  - (d) holder of a Master of Science/Arts (2 years or more) in the relevant discipline with at least 60% marks.

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5. Applicants should seek clearance as mentioned at paragraph 8 below and submit, through their respective Supervising Officers, the duly filled in documents listed below to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry (attention Mrs M. Rusooly) by **Thursday 21 November 2024** :-

- (i) Application form (original and 2 copies);
- (ii) Survey and Undertaking forms (original and 1 copy);
- (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) 2 Photos (Passport size); and
- (xii) Other documents as requested by the organisers.

6. This Circular Letter, together with the scholarship details, list of courses and application form, can be accessed on this Ministry's website at <https://civilservice.govmu.org/Pages/Circulars%202024/Circulars2024.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/she 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/she 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/she 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**

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