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H.E. the Minister of Industry, SME and Cooperatives  
Government of the Republic of Mauritius  
Port-Louis, MAURITIUS

**Subject: African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) -  
Christ University Full/Partial Scholarship for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral Programmes at  
Christ University, Lavasa Campus, Pune, India – Starting August 2026**

Honourable Minister/Excellency/Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform that, AARDO in collaboration with Christ University, India, is providing full/partial scholarship opportunities to highly promising and qualified officers/students from member countries to pursue Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG), and Doctoral (Ph.D.) programmes at Christ University, Lavasa Campus, Pune, India.

This collaboration marks the first partnership between AARDO and Christ University and aims to expand quality higher education opportunities for officers/students from AARDO Member Countries. Through this initiative, AARDO seeks to facilitate academic advancement and capacity building among students/officers in diverse fields.

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), established in 1969 as Christ College in India, is a reputed institution of higher education known for its commitment to academic excellence, research, and holistic education. The institution was declared a Deemed-to-be University by the Government of India in 2008 and has since developed a strong reputation for innovative curricula and interdisciplinary learning. The University offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes supported by modern academic infrastructure, experienced faculty, and collaborations with industry and international academic institutions.

I wish to draw your kind attention that this Full/Partial Scholarship programme will commence in August 2026. The programmes offered by AARDO and Christ University are designed to provide students with strong theoretical foundations and interdisciplinary knowledge across diverse areas such as management, commerce, data science, law, social sciences, and humanities. These programmes aim at equipping students with the professional skills and global perspectives necessary to address socio economic challenges.

The selection process for these programmes would involve various steps and may include a written test/interview for final selection.

It is hoped that the above-mentioned programme will be found useful and qualified officers/students may be nominated to compete and eventually be selected for the AARDO- Christ University Scholarship. The offer may be widely disseminated to the student community of the country.

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This fellowship has expenditure inclusions and exclusions as highlighted in the following table:

S. No	Inclusions (Covered jointly by AARDO & Christ University)	Exclusions (to be covered by Candidate's nominating Country/Institution)
1	A full (100 %) or partial (70/50%) waiver to the total tuition fee. Note: Refer brochure for more details	<b>Pre-Scholarship expenses:</b> Passport, Visa Fee, Vaccination, Airport Taxes, Travel, Health Insurance Premium etc.
2	Return Air Ticket by economy class only for joining and on successful completion of the programme (from Capital City)*	One-time admission fee, Hostel fee, Mess food charges for complete duration of the programme.
3		Telephone Calls, Laundry and Medical Expenses
4		Extra Baggage Allowances (Above that provided by the Airline)
5		<b>Post-Scholarship expenses:</b> any other expenses after the event

\* Air fare will be provided for only regular membership contribution-paying countries

Selected candidates would have to arrange to meet the expenses which are excluded under this scholarship programme. It is strongly recommended for students to carry valid travel health insurance cover.

The application process for the AARDO-Christ University Admission will be conducted online through the website <https://aardo.org/Christ26.php> of AARDO. **The deadline for online application submission is set for the 30 April 2026.** Enclosed, herewith, is an e-brochure outlining the scholarship details. Nomination received after the closing date or received incomplete in any respect or without a copy of a valid passport would not to be considered.

Keeping in view the availability of slots and response from member countries, **preference would be given to the candidates from countries that regularly pay their AARDO membership contributions.**

Kindly accept, Hon Minister/Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh  
Secretary General

Encl: As Above

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## **AARDO-Christ (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa Scholarship Programme**

***Jointly Organised by:***

**African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)**

**in collaboration with Christ (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa Campus**

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### **1. Introduction**

The African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) and Christ University Pune Lavasa Campus are pleased to invite applications, through the AARDO and Christ (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa Campus scholarships, for UG/PG and Ph.D. Programmes offered by Christ University.

### **UG Programmes**

- BBA (Business Analytics/ Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BBA (Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BCom (Financial Analytics/ Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BSc (Computer Science, Data Science/ Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BSc (Economics, Statistics/ Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BSc (Psychology, Computer Science/ Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BCA (Honours/ Honours with Research)
- BA LLB (Honours)
- BBA LLB (Honours)

### **PG Programmes**

- MBA (Finance/ Business Analytics/ Marketing)
- MSc (Global Finance & Analytics)
- MSc (Data Science)
- Master of Science (MSc) in Data Science + Master of Science (MS) in System Science (BU)\*, USA
- MA (English with Digital Humanities)
- LLM (Constitutional & Administrative Law)
- LLM (Corporate & Commercial Law)

\* 1+1 year twinning program between CHRIST, Lavasa and Binghamton University BU, USA



## **Doctoral Programmes (PhD)**

- PhD in Economics
- PhD in Computer Science
- PhD in Data Science
- PhD in English
- PhD in Management
- PhD in Commerce
- PhD in Law

## **2. Scholarship Benefits**

a) One Time Both Way Air Tickets\*

b) Eligible students will receive a significant scholarship in their tuition fee through a full or partial waiver \*.

\*Refer to point no. 8 for detailed explanation of (a).

## **3. Scholarship Eligibility**

- Citizens of an AARDO member country
- Only applicants living/working in AARDO countries are eligible
- Applicants should be enrolled in the programme full time
- All applications will be screened and evaluated by a selection committee

## **4. Academic Calendar at Christ University\***

Particulars	Details
Term	Semester (UG) & Trimester (PG)
Reporting to Campus	12th August 2026
Classes	16th August 2026
Orientation	16th to 26th August 2026
End Semester Exams	December 2026 and May 2027

***\*This timeline is indicative. Dates may vary.***



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## 5. Educational Qualification

- For the Undergraduate Programmes : 50% in class 12 (10+2) is the minimum eligibility for applying/admission.
- For the Postgraduate Programme (in General): Candidates must have completed a three-year Bachelor's degree from a recognised university with a minimum aggregate score of 50%. For MBA: Undergraduate Degree with 50% and above.

Normally the maximum age of the candidate shall be below 35 years on 1st January of the year in which the admission is applied for. However, the age limit can be relaxed to 45 years for candidates who have extensive experience in the field.

*\*Please refer to the CHRIST University website for more specialised details*  
<https://www.christuniversity.in/>

### **Please note:**

- Foreign nationals with an eligible degree from Indian Universities will be treated at par with Indian nationals for admission.
- Foreign nationals with foreign degrees must meet the minimum educational requirements equivalent to an Indian Master's degree in the relevant disciplines.
- Foreign students are expected to have a working knowledge of English.
- If the medium of instruction for their qualifying degree was not English, applicants must produce proof of proficiency in English - IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5 (overall) or a TOEFL score of 80 (overall). Test results should be dated no earlier than 15 September 2019.
- Foreign nationals can only register as full-time scholars.
- All the applicants should have a good academic record.
- The Selection Committees may set higher evaluation criteria than the minimum eligibility criteria listed.
- The selection, admission, and award of the degree shall be governed by the ordinances of the senate of Christ University.

## 6. Application Guidelines

Applications are invited to the Admissions 2026 through the Christ University and AARDO Scholarships. All candidates seeking admission to the programme must submit their initial application in a prescribed form along with attested copies of relevant testimonials in the AARDO website <https://aardo.org/Christ26.php>.



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- a) Submission of the online application form and the required documents: 30.04.2026
- b) Shortlisted candidates called for final interview: 12.06.2026
- c) Communication of Scholarship to the selected Candidates: 30.06.2026
- d) Reporting to Campus: 12.08.2026
- e) Start of Academic session: 13.08.2026

*\*This timeline is indicative. Dates may vary.*

Selected candidates shall be enrolled for the programmes only after they have been found medically fit by the SMO of the Apollo Shine Hospital, Christ University Campus, Pune, India.

## **7. Scanned documents required with the online application**

- Educational Qualifications – Degree Certificates and Mark Sheets
- Proof of Nationality - Passport
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose (800-1000 words)
- Two Letters of Reference
- If employed, a No Objection Certificate from your employer at the time of application and relieving certificate at the time of joining, if selected.
- Proof of Language Proficiency
- Photo (Passport size)
- Recommendation from the Nodal Ministry of the respective country

### **Please note:**

1. Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
2. Documents submitted in a foreign language should be accompanied by a full English language translation. The translation should be certified by the translator and bear their certification credentials.
3. If you have a long-term health condition, disability, specific learning difficulty or mental health condition we encourage you to disclose these in your application with any relevant information.
4. The scholarship is strictly for the nominated student/officer only. Accompanying family members are not permitted under the scholarship programme.



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## 8. Scholarship Details

Students selected to the Christ university and AARDO Scholarship will be offered the following :

a) Both way air tickets, sponsored by AARDO, for joining in and on successful completion of the programme (only for five candidates based on the merit list to be provided by the selection committee of the Christ University and on status of membership contribution of the participant's country).

b)

Sr.No	Particulars	No.of Students
1	100% Scholarship on Tuition Fees	2
2	70% Scholarship on Tuition Fees	2
3	50% Scholarship on Tuition Fees	1

## 9. Links for further information

a) Christ University: <https://lavasa.christuniversity.in/>

b) International Departments: Office of International Affairs (Lavasa):  
<https://lavasa.christuniversity.in/center/C/OIA>

c) Point of Contact for Visa related support and transportation related query in India:  
**Office of International Affairs (Lavasa)**

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## **Annexure 1**

### **About AARDO**

The AFRICAN-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION is a rural centric inter-governmental autonomous organization located at 2, State Guest Houses Complex, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021, India .

The African Asian Rural Development Organization is mandated to develop understanding among members for better appreciation of each other's problems and to collectively explore opportunities for coordination of efforts for the welfare and eradication of thirst, hunger, illiteracy, disease and poverty amongst rural people in the African-Asian region. The Organization comprises thirty six (36) members, which include thirty two (32) member countries namely, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tunisia and Zambia from Africa; and Bangladesh, Republic of China (Taiwan), India, Iraq, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Syria, and Yemen from Asia; besides, four (04) Associate Members namely, Economic and Social Development Centre (ESDC) from Palestine, EKITI Chamber of Commerce Industry, and Mines (EKITICCIM) from Nigeria, Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC) from Republic of Korea, and the Agricultural Bank of Sudan (ABS) from Sudan.

AARDO is promoting South-South Triangular cooperation in the domain of agricultural and rural development. As such, AARDO is championing and advocating more science to rural societies for inclusive transformation of rural areas in Africa and Asia.

### **About Christ University**

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) was born out of the educational vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, an educationalist and social reformer of the nineteenth century in South India. He founded the first Catholic indigenous congregation, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), in 1831 which administers CHRIST (Deemed to be University).



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CHRIST (Deemed to be University) was established as 'Christ College' in 1969. It undertook path-breaking initiatives in Indian higher education with the introduction of innovative and modern curricula, insistence on academic discipline, imparting of Holistic Education and adoption of global higher education practices with the support of creative and dedicated staff."

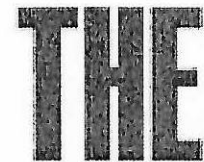
The University Grants Commission (UGC) of India conferred Autonomy to Christ College in 2004 and identified it as an Institution with Potential for Excellence in 2006. In 2008 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India, declared the institution Deemed to be University, in the name and style of Christ University. One of the first institutions in India to be accredited in 1998 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Government of India, and subsequently in 2004, 2016, 2022 CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is currently accredited with 'A+' Grade. The University is ranked among top 100 universities in India at 60 in the NIRF India Ranking 2024 of Ministry of Education, Government of India.



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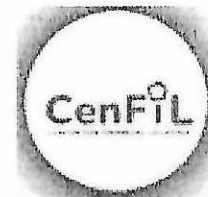
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## How to reach Christ University

### Option A: Via Pune International Airport (PNQ) - Recommended

This is the closest airport to the campus.

- Distance: 68 km (approx. 2.5 hours).
- How to reach: The most reliable way is to hire a prepaid taxi or use apps like Uber/Ola directly from the airport (Help desk of uber/ola in airport)
- Cost: Approximately USD 23 - 33 (₹2,000 – ₹3,000).
- Option B: Via Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai (BOM)
- The airport connects to over 54 international destinations. Many international flights land here like Emirates, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Qatar Airways, etc.
- Distance: 195 km (approx. 4–5 hours).

### How to reach:

1. Direct Cab: You can book an intercity cab (Uber Intercity or private agencies). This is the most comfortable but expensive option - USD 50 - 67 (₹4,500 – ₹6,000).

2. AC bus from Mumbai to Pune (get off at Wakad or Chandni Chowk). From there, take a local taxi to Lavasa.

Frequent AC Volvo bus services (Shivneri) operate from Mumbai Airport (BOM) to Pune, taking approximately 3 to 4 hours for the 150+ km journey.

MSRTC Shivneri buses start at ₹515, with boarding typically near the airport, providing a direct, convenient transfer option.



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