



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

**AARDO- Christ University, India Full/Partial Scholarship for Undergraduate,
Postgraduate and Doctoral Programmes at Christ University,
Lavasa Campus, Pune, India – Starting August 2026**

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), in collaboration with Christ University, India, is inviting applications in the Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG) and Doctoral (Ph.D) programmes for full/partial scholarship opportunities to qualified officers to pursue courses which will start in August 2026 at the Christ University, Lavasa Campus, Pune, India, as follows –

(i) Undergraduate 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)

(ii) Postgraduate 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
- MA (English with Digital Humanities)
- LL.M (Constitutional & Administrative Law)
- LL.M (Corporate & Commercial Law)

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(iii) 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

Details of the course are herewith enclosed.

2. It is to be noted that AARDO and Christ University will bear the cost of airfare (economy class) and a full (100%) or partial (70/50%) waiver to the total tuition fee for five (5) candidates who will be sponsored by AARDO, for joining in and on successful completion of the programme based on the merit list to be provided by the selection committee of Christ University.
3. Expenditures that are not covered include pre-scholarship expenses namely passport, visa fee, vaccination, airport taxes, travel, Health Insurance Premium and Medical expenses, one-time admission fee, Hostel fee, Mess food charges for complete duration of the programme, telephone calls, laundry, extra baggage allowances (above that provided by the Airline) and post-scholarship expenses.
4. According to the eligibility criteria, applicants should be below the age of 35 years on 1st January 2026. However, age limit can be relaxed to 45 years for candidates who have extensive experience in the field.
5. Interested candidates should -
 - (a) seek clearance as mentioned at paragraph 8 below and, thereafter, submit their applications electronically through the website: <https://aardo.org/Christ26.php> ;
 - (b) submit, through their respective Supervising Officers, the duly filled in documents listed below to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry, (attention Mrs D. Bissoondoyal Gujudhur) by **Monday 20 April 2026** –
 - (i) Survey and Undertaking forms (original + 1 copy);
 - (ii) Application Form (original and 2 copies);
 - (iii) Copies of educational and professional (Degree certificate and Mark Sheets) (3 copies);
 - (iv) Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate [*where applicable*] (3 copies);
 - (v) Curriculum Vitae (3 copies);
 - (vi) Statement of Purpose (800-1000 words) (3 copies);
 - (vii) No objection certificate and relieving certificate from the employer;
 - (viii) Medical Certificate and x-ray reports (original and 2 copies);
 - (ix) Copy of passport (3 copies);
 - (x) 2 Passport size photo;
 - (xi) Recommendation Letter (original and 2 copies); and
 - (xii) Any other documents as requested by the organisers.



6. All necessary clearances, as appropriate, 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. **Applications received after the closing date set by this Ministry or incomplete applications will not be processed.**

7. The final decision for the selection of candidates rests solely with the donor agency/country.

8. In view of the fact **that nominations for any of the programmes are subject to exigencies of the service**, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain approval from their respective Responsible Officers that they would be released in the event they are awarded the scholarship. 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 16.4.99 of the 2026 PRB Report where he/she is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training, subject to the core requirements of the cadre and exigencies of the service;
- (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 under 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 take advantage of leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 16.4.113 of the 2026 PRB Report.

9. You are also requested to ensure that all conditions, as advised by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and as mentioned in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 50 of 2021, are satisfied.

10. You are requested to ensure that the contents of this Circular Letter be 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.



Dr D. Kawol
Secretary for Public Service

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