



**MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
MAURITIUS**

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Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/ Departments

Australia Awards Scholarships - Masters Degree 2020

The Government of Australia is offering scholarships leading to the award of a Master's Degree in the following fields of study for 2019 intake:

- **Agricultural Productivity**
- **Education**
- **Extractives**
- **Health**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Natural Resource Management (including Environment, Climate Change, Urban Water Management and Ocean/Marine Management)**
- **Public Policy Sector**

2. The study and research opportunities provided by Australia Awards Scholarships are meant to develop the skills and knowledge of officers so that they can drive change and contribute to the development outcomes of their own country.

3. The Australian Government will cover the costs of full tuition fees, return air travel, establishment allowance and living expenses as well as costs related to an introductory Academic Program, Overseas Student Health Cover and visa expenses.

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4. Applications are invited from suitable candidates who wish to be considered for the above scholarships during the academic year 2019. For more information regarding course requirements, course contents and online application form, applicants may access the website <https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/awards/apply/>. The eligibility criteria for Australia Awards Masters Degree set out by the Australian Authorities are at **Annex**.

5. Applications should be submitted electronically as per the instructions available on the website www.australiaawardsafrica.org, to the Managing Contractor for the Australia Awards-Africa.

6. **Applicants are strongly recommended to submit a copy of their application, through their respective Supervising Officers, to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry (attention Mrs J. Narayanasami Reddi). The closing date for submission of applications is 03 December 2018.**

7. Given that **release is subject to the exigencies of the service**, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain confirmation from their respective Responsible Officers that they would be released in the event they are awarded the scholarship. Release can either be on full pay or without pay as follows:-

- a) an officer shall be eligible for study leave with pay in accordance with paragraph 4.10.1(b) of the Human Resource Management Manual (HRMM) where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is a priority field of study. 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 the HRMM; and
- b) where the officer does not satisfy the conditions for the grant of study leave with pay, he may take advantage of leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 18.4.82G of the 2016 PRB Report.

8. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all eligible officers serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/Department, as well as those in Statutory Bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry.



Secretary for Public Service

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



Home (<https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org>) > Countries () > Masters Awards

Masters Awards

Application Steps:  1 - Choose Country & Award Type

2 - View Course Eligibility Criteria  3 - Begin Online Application

In order to proceed with your masters award application please review the eligibility criteria below. Once completed, please click the Begin Online Application button.

Mauritius: Eligibility criteria – Master's Awards 2020

Priority areas

- Agricultural Productivity
- Education
- Extractives
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Natural Resource Management (including Environment, Climate Change, Urban Water Management and Ocean/Marine Management)
- Public Policy sector

Coordinating authority

- Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

Target group

- You are a national of Mauritius.
- You are an early- or mid-level career professional working in the public sector, the private sector or a non-government organisation (civil society) in one of the listed priority fields of study.
- You are a professional who wishes to undertake a Master's degree in Australia in one of the listed priority fields of study. You cannot study a Master's of Business Administration.
- You have a clear vision of how knowledge gained through the Master's degree will be used to improve policy, practice or education in the proposed field of study.
- Gender equality: Australia Awards targets equal participation from women and men.
- Disability inclusion: Australia Awards aims to ensure that people with a disability are given a fair and equal opportunity to compete for and obtain a scholarship.

Eligibility

- You are at least 25 and not more than 50 years of age at the date of application.
- You have at least three years' work experience following graduation. This work experience must be in a role relevant to the proposed field of study and to the employment organisation type (public sector applicants should demonstrate public sector work experience). Preference will be given to candidates with greater periods of experience.
- You must possess, as a minimum, a Bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) of at least four years' duration with a 2nd class lower division pass (2:2).
- You must have a minimum English language proficiency equivalent to an overall IELTS score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 4.5 (equivalent TOEFL scores are also accepted). Those with overall scores of lower than 6.5 who are selected for an Award will be supported to undertake between three and nine months' pre-course English language training and will need to achieve a score of 6.5 at the end of this training with no band score lower than 6.
- You must not already hold, or be studying for, a Master's degree.
- You must be willing to make a formal commitment to return to your current employment following completion of the award.
- You must meet the general minimum eligibility criteria for Australia Awards Scholarships. Refer to the Australia Awards Scholarships