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*From: Secretary for Public Service*

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

Australia Awards - Short Courses 2019

The Government of Australia is offering opportunities to Mauritian candidates to participate in short courses in Australia between July 2019 and June 2020 in the following fields of study:

**a) Agriculture**

- (i) Agribusiness
- (ii) Increasing the Development of Agricultural Research

**b) Environment**

- (i) Climate Change Adaptation
- (ii) Integrated Regional and Transnational Water Resource Management

**c) Extractives**

- (i) Managing Micro Closures
- (ii) Planning, Monitoring and Implementing extractives Investments

**d) Health**

Mental Health Care Management in a Public Health Context

**e) Policy**

Trade Policy and Negotiation

**f) TVET**

Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Trainer Development

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2. Australia Awards Scholarships demonstrate Australia's commitment to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its contribution to the long-term development needs of Australia's partner countries in line with Australia's aid priorities and bilateral and regional agreements.

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.

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 the 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 Short Courses 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](http://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 15 January 2019.**

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.



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*Secretary for Public Service*

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



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

> Awards (<https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/awards/>)

> Apply for an Award (<https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/awards/apply/>) > Short Courses

## Short Courses

Application Steps:  1 - Choose Country & Award Type

**2 - View Course Eligibility Criteria**  **3 - Begin Online Application**

In order to proceed with your application for your short course, please review the eligibility criteria and course detail below. Once completed, please click the 'Begin Online Application' button

### Short Course Information for students from Mauritius

- You are a national of Mauritius.
- You are at least 25 and not more than 50 years of age at the date of application.
- You have at least 3 years' work experience in a relevant policy, practice, research or reform role following graduation. Preference will be given to candidates with greater periods of experience.
- You are an early- or mid-level career professional working in the public sector, civil society or private sector in one of the listed priority fields of study.
- You have a clear vision of how you will use the knowledge gained through the award program to improve policy or practice in Mauritius in your proposed field of study.
- You must be willing to make a formal commitment to return to Mauritius and your current employment following the completion of the award.

- Gender equality: Australia Awards targets equal participation by women and men.
- Disability inclusion: Australia Awards aims to ensure that people with a disability are given fair and equal opportunity to compete for and obtain a Scholarship.

## Short Courses: 2019 intake

The detail and eligibility criteria for each Short Course are available below. Click on the relevant course link for more details and to download the course summary.

| Sector      | Course Name   | Delivery location         | Provider                       |
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| Agriculture | Agribusiness<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Agribusiness.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Agribusiness.pdf</a> )   | Ghana,<br>Brisbane        | University of Queensland       |
|             | Increasing the Development of Agricultural Research*<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-IDIAR.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-IDIAR.pdf</a> )   | Kenya,<br>Tanzania        | University of Sydney           |
| Environment | Climate Change Adaptation<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Climate-Change-Adaptation.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Climate-Change-Adaptation.pdf</a> )  | South Africa,<br>Canberra | Australian National University |
|             | Integrated Regional & Transnational Water Resource Management*<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Transnational-Water-Management.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Transnational-Water-Management.pdf</a> ) | Kenya,<br>Uganda          | University of New South Wales  |
| Extractives | Managing Mine Closures<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Managing-Mine-Closures.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Managing-Mine-Closures.pdf</a> )   | South Africa,<br>Perth    | Murdoch University             |

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|        | Planning, Monitoring and Implementing Extractives Investments<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Extractives-Investments.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Extractives-Investments.pdf</a> )          | Zambia,<br>Brisbane                         | University<br>of<br>Queensland               |
| Health | Mental Health Care Management in a Public Health Context<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Mental-Health.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Mental-Health.pdf</a> )                                   | South<br>Africa,<br>Brisbane &<br>Melbourne | University<br>of Sydney                      |
| Policy | Trade Policy and Negotiations*<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Trade-Policy-and-Negotiations.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-Trade-Policy-and-Negotiations.pdf</a> )                             | South<br>Africa                             | University<br>of Adelaide                    |
| TVET   | Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Trainer Development<br>( <a href="http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-TVET-Trainer-Development.pdf">http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Course-Outline-TVET-Trainer-Development.pdf</a> ) | Kenya,<br>Brisbane                          | Queensland<br>University<br>of<br>Technology |

\*Citizens from Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia and South Sudan are only eligible for in Africa Short Courses.

### Further information

For further information on Australian Government policies, please see the links below.

- Provision of course research support is provided for shortlisted candidates.
- Special needs assistance is provided, as deemed appropriate, on a case-by-case basis. For more information, read the Australian Government's disability rights guide (<http://www.humanrights.gov.au/dda-guide-who-does-dda-protect>)
- Essential information for participating in the Scholarship program is provided in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook (<http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/aus-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook1.pdf>)
- Additional information on the Australian Government's policies is provided on the Australia Awards website