



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

Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
To: Supervising Officers in Charge of Ministries/Departments

Australia Awards Scholarships-Masters Degree 2019

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

Priority Areas

- **Agricultural Productivity**
- **Extractives**
- **Public Policy(particularly blue/ocean economic policy, including trade policy)**

2. Applications will also be considered in the following sectors:

- Education
- Health
- Natural Resource Management (including environment, climate change, urban water management and ocean/marine management).

3. The awards cover airfares, full tuition fees (up to two years), training materials, accommodation, contribution to living expenses, health insurance for basic medical as well as hospital care in Australia.

4. Applications are invited from suitable candidates who wish to be considered for the above scholarships. For more information relating to course requirements, course contents and application form, applicants can access the website www.australiaawardsafrica.org. The eligibility criteria for Australia Awards Masters Programme as set out by the Australian Authorities, are at

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5. Applications and supporting documents should be submitted electronically as per instructions on the website to (www.australiaawardsafrica.org) to the Managing Contractor for the Australia Awards-Africa.

6. Candidates should also submit a copy of their application through their respective Supervising Officers to the Human Resource Development Division (HRDD), Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, *attention Mrs J. Narayanasami Reddi*. The closing date for submission of application is **15 December 2017**.

7. **Before submitting their application, applicants should imperatively need to obtain confirmation from their respective Supervising Officers that they would be released in the event they are selected for the scholarship.**

8. Upon selection, the nominee would be eligible for study leave as provided under Section 10 of Chapter 4 of the Human Resource Management Manual and would also have to enter into a bond.

9. 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. Female candidates and persons with disability should strongly be encouraged to apply.



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

Annex 1

Masters Awards

Applications open 1 September 2017 – 15 December 2017.

MAURITIUS: Eligibility Criteria – Master Awards 2019

Mauritius priority areas

- Public Policy (particularly blue/ocean economic policy, including trade policy)
- Agricultural Productivity
- Extractives

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Public Policy is one of three priority sectors for Australia Awards. Within the sector, scholars have the opportunity to select short courses that specialise in the following topics:

- Trade policy negotiations
- Public-Private infrastructure partnerships
- Ocean Management: sustainable fisheries and governance

Coordinating Authority for Mauritius

- Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

Target Group

- National of Mauritius
- Early or mid-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.
- Professionals who wish to undertake a Masters degree in Australia in one of the listed priority fields of study. (Masters of Business Administration are not permitted).
- Clear vision for how knowledge gained through the Masters degree will be used to improve policy, practice or education in the proposed field of study.

- Gender Equality: Australia Awards target equal participation by women and men.
- Disability Inclusion: Australia Awards aim to ensure that people with a disability are given fair and equal opportunity to compete for and obtain a scholarship.

Eligibility

- At least 25 and not more than 50 years of age at the date of application.
- At least three (3) years' post-graduation work experience. This work experience must be in a role relevant to proposed field of study and to employment organisation type (e.g. public sector applicants should demonstrate public sector work experience). Preference will be given to candidates with greater periods of experience.
- Possess, as a minimum, a Bachelors degree (or the equivalent) of at least 4 years in length with a 2nd Class Lower Division pass (2:2).
- 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 3 and 9 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.
- Must not already hold, or be studying for, a Masters degree.
- Must be willing to make a formal commitment to return to your current employment following completion of the award.
- Must meet the general minimum eligibility criteria for Australia Awards Scholarships – refer to the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook

Further Information

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

- Provision of course research support is provided for short-listed 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](#)
- Essential information for participating in the Scholarship program is provided in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#)
- Additional information on the Australian Government's policies is provided on the Australia Awards website (by The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
- Applicants must inform Australia Awards – Africa of any connection or relationship to staff employed by the Australian Government or with Palladium (the Managing Contractor), at the time of application. Information can be sent to the Awards Department.