



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

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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-Africa Short Courses 2018

The Government of Australia is offering opportunities to candidates from African countries including Mauritius to attend short courses in 2018. The courses will normally last between one and three months and will be delivered between July 2018 and June 2019. The fields of study are as follows:

- **Agricultural Productivity**
 - (i) Agribusiness
 - (ii) Increasing the Development Impact of Agricultural Research
 - (iii) Irrigation and Water Resource Management for Agriculture
- **Extractives**
 - (i) Local Economic and Social Development in Extractives
 - (ii) Mineral and Energy Economics
 - (iii) Macroeconomic Management in Resources Rich Countries
- **Public Policy**
 - (i) Trade Policy and Negotiations
 - (ii) Public-Private Infrastructure Partnerships
 - (iii) Ocean Management: Sustainable Fisheries and Governance

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2. The aim of the Australia Awards Africa Short Courses is to develop the capacity and leadership skills of Africans so that they can contribute more effectively to development in their home countries.

3. Australia Awards-Africa Short Course is open to Mid to Senior Level professional currently employed in a relevant field. The eligibility criteria for Africa Short Courses as set out by the Australian Authorities, are at **Annex I**.

4. The Australian Government will cover the full cost of tuition fees, training materials, accommodation, contribution to living expenses, health insurance for basic medical and hospital care in Australia and in Africa and travel within Africa and to and from Australia.

5. Applications and supporting documents should be submitted electronically as per instructions on the website (www.australiaawardsafrica.org) to the Managing Contractor for the Australia Awards-Africa. For information relating to course requirements, course contents and application form, applicants can access the website www.australiaawardsafrica.org

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 January 2018**.

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.



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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, as required.

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 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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Senior Chief Executive

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

Short Courses

Applications open 1 September 2017 – 15 January 2018.

Eligibility Criteria – MAURITIUS

- National of Mauritius
- You must be between 25 and 50 years of age at the date of your application
- At least three (3) years' post-graduation work experience in a relevant policy, practice, research, or reform role. Preference will be given to candidates with greater periods of experience.
- Have a clear vision of how you will use the knowledge gained through the award program to improve policy or practice in Mauritius in the proposed field of study.
- Willing to make a formal commitment to return to Mauritius following the completion of the award.
- 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.

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

Agricultural Productivity

Agribusiness

Increasing the Development Impact of Agricultural Research

Irrigation and Water Resource Management for Agriculture

Extractives

Local Economic and Social Development in Extractives

Mineral and energy economics

Macroeconomic Management in Resources Rich Countries

Public Policy

Trade policy and negotiations

Public-Private infrastructure partnerships

Ocean Management: Sustainable fisheries and Governance

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.