

CHAPTER 18

ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES

18.1 ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY STUDENTS

Students may avail themselves of the facilities of the various Schemes existing at the University namely:

(i) SSR Foundation Fund Loan Scheme

This Scheme provides interest-free loans to students following full-time programmes at the University and who need financial assistance to pursue their studies.

Relevant information about the Scheme and application forms are available at the Admissions and Student Records Office of the University.

(ii) The University Needy Students Fund supported by the Swaisland Fund

This Scheme is open to:

- Students who are enrolled on full-time Programmes at the University and who are not beneficiary of any grant or scholarship
- Students whose parents are recipients of social security benefits
- Students from low-income families
- Students in unexpected personal difficulties

Students who wish to be considered for the above Scheme should contact the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'. A Committee, comprising of representatives of Students' Union and the Registrar's Office, will consider all the requests and make appropriate recommendations.

(iii) Trust Fund for Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups

The Trust Fund for Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups operates a Scheme, which provides concessionary loans through the Development Bank of Mauritius to students facing financial difficulties. Application forms are available at the Admissions and Student Records Office of the University.

(iv) The Soomunth Balgobin and Maya Luchman Balgobin Trust Scholarship

Two scholarships may be awarded each year for undergraduate studies.

The scholarships will be tenable either at the University of Mauritius or the University of Technology Mauritius and will be for a maximum period of three academic years.

The scholarships will be renewable yearly subject to the following conditions:

- Good academic results produced by the student at the end of each academic year;
- Regular attendance of lectures; and
- Good behaviour

as evidenced by a certificate from the institution where the scholar is following tertiary education.

The scholarships of a maximum value of Rs 2 000 monthly to cover expenses will be awarded to each scholar.

The following conditions will also be attached to the scholarships:

- The beneficiary should not be benefiting from any other scholarship;
- Be a regular full time student at the University;
- The Trust may terminate the scholarship if the academic performance or conduct of the scholar proves unsatisfactory;
- The allowance will be effected on receipt of an 'attendance certificate' from the University at the end of each month;
- The monthly allowance will be credited directly into a Bank Account at the State Bank of Mauritius Réduit branch (which the beneficiary of the scholarship will be required to open);
- The scholar should immediately notify the University in case of withdrawal from the course.

The University of Mauritius and the University of Technology Mauritius will be requested to draw a list of two firm and two alternative candidates who have secured a seat at the University and can prove that they are needy. Proof of hardship cases must be evidenced by a certificate from the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity.

The two firm and two alternative candidates will be considered for the scholarships by the Trustees. However, the Trustees will not be bound by the list submitted by the Universities and the decision of the Trustees will be final.

Information on the above scholarship is available at the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'.

(v) The State Insurance Company of Mauritius Scheme for Needy Students

An amount of Rs 40,000 will be allocated to four (4) Needy students, Rs 10,000 per student per annum, for a maximum period of three (3) years.

The students at the Faculty of Law and Management will be given priority for the Scheme.

The eligibility criteria for the Scheme will be the same as for those of the University Needy Students Fund.

Information on the above scheme is available at the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'.

(vi) Partial Scholarships for Postgraduate Needy Students

One (1) 'Partial Scholarship For Postgraduate Needy Students' is offered per Faculty/Centre at the University (as from 2007/2008):

- (a) Partial Scholarships may be awarded to postgraduate students holding at least an Upper Second Class or alternative qualifications acceptable to the University. The scholarships will be offered for the normal duration of the programme. This Scheme is open to:
 - Students who are enrolled on full-time postgraduate Programmes at the University and who are not beneficiary of any other grant or scholarship.
 - Students whose parents are recipients of social security benefits
 - Students from low-income families
 - Students in unexpected personal difficulties
 - Students not in employment OR for those who are working, their monthly salary should not exceed Rs 10,000
- (b) The following conditions will also be attached to the scholarships:
 - (i) The University may terminate the scholarship if the academic performance or conduct of the scholar proves unsatisfactory, that is, the Cumulative Point

Average (CPA) remains below 40 for 2 consecutive registered semesters or the CPA remains below 40 at the end of an academic year.

- (ii) The scholar should immediately notify the University in case of withdrawal from the course.

The Scholarships will be renewable yearly subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Students successfully passing their examinations at the end of each academic year;
- (ii) $\geq 80\%$ regular attendance of lectures; and
- (iii) Good behaviour

as evidenced by a certificate from the Faculty/Centre where the student is registered.

- (c) The Partial Scholarships will be offered to selected students in the form of full exemption from payment of Tuition Fees
- (d) The Needy Student Fund Committee, which attends to requests for financial assistance from full time undergraduate students will also process the applications for the partial scholarships for fulltime postgraduate students.

Students who wish to be considered for the above scheme should contact the 'Admissions and Students' Records Office'.

(vii) Sponsorship from the “Fondation Espoir et Développement (FED)” to Needy Students

The above sponsorship for needy students caters for fees for an amount of Rs15,000 per annum as per the following terms:

- o The eligibility criteria would be the same as for those of the University Needy Students Fund.
- o The selection of needy students will be done at the level of the FED from the list submitted by the University of Mauritius. The selected students will be informed by the University.
- o The sponsorship might not be renewed every year, depending on the number of requests to be received.
- o Beneficiaries of the scheme would be allowed to work on a project/dissertation related to the activities of the FED.

(viii) Sponsorship from “Fondation Médine Horizons”

The above Sponsorship is open to the needy students living in the western region of Mauritius and who are enrolled on specific programmes at the Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities (FSSH). The sponsorship will cater for fees for an amount of Rs 15,000 per annum.

Students should have secured admission on the following full-time undergraduate programmes at the FSSH:

BSc (Hons) Statistics with Economics
BA (Joint Hons) Humanities
BA (Hons) History with Social Studies
BSc (Hons) Political Science
BSc (Hons) Sociology

The eligibility criteria will be the same as for those of the University Needy Students Fund.

The sponsorship may not be renewed every year, depending on the number of requests to be received.

(ix) Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Co Ltd (MDFP) Scholarship Scheme

(a) Grant

The Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Co. Ltd (MDFP) will provide full Scholarships for ten (10) Needy Undergraduate (full-time) Students every year starting from the academic year 2008/2009.

The ten (10) Scholarships shall be allocated as follows:

- o **Seven (7) Scholarships to Needy Students of the University of Mauritius (UoM).**
- o One (1) Scholarship to Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports.
- o One (1) Scholarship to Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Co. Ltd (Children of needy MDFP staff).
- o **One (1) Scholarship to Needy Rodrigues Students of the UoM.**

Note: In the event that no application is received from Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports and the MDFP, the Scholarship will automatically be directed to UoM Needy Students.

(b) Proposed MDFP's Conditions

Conditions Enforced by the UoM

The sum will integrate UoM's "University Needy Students Fund".

The Scheme is open to students:

- Who are enrolled on full-time programmes at the UoM.
- Who are not beneficiary of any grant of Scholarship.
- From low-income families.
- With unexpected personal difficulties at any time during the year.

Additional Conditions

The grant will be awarded only to full-time students registered for Undergraduate Programmes in any Faculty.

Students must provide evidence that they come from a low-income group family.

The Awardees should pass successfully their examinations at the end of each academic year.

The Awardees will not concurrently hold another Scholarship or Bursary.

Each Awardee will benefit from a 2-months placement at MDFP within the year (i.e. Year 1 or Year 2) s/he has obtained the Scholarship.

Sponsorship will cease with immediate effect if academic performance (CPA < 40 for two (2) consecutive semesters/at the end of an academic years) or conduct of the Scholar is unsatisfactory at the end of Year 1 or Year 2.

(c) **Grant Cover**

The grant will cover expenses incurred by students, namely:

- General Fees (Sports & Recreation, Library Fees, Laboratory Fees etc.)
- Additional Fees include books and manuals (up to Rs 5, 000 per awardee).

(d) **Applications and Selection of Students**

We suggest that applications go through the Admission and Students' Records Office of the UoM.

MDFP will place relevant advertisement in the local newspapers to announce the Sponsorship Scheme.

Candidates will be short-listed after screening and recommendations by UoM's Committee, comprising a member of the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise, representatives of Students' Union and the Registrar's Office.

(e) **Disbursements of Funds**

MDFP will commit to disburse the full amount (in rupees) of the Scholarships to UoM on a yearly basis.

The UoM should inform the MDFP, in writing, of the full yearly amount of Scholarships offered to students under this Scheme.

(x) **Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius Scholarship to Needy Students**

The Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius scholarship will be offered to a maximum of two (2) needy students for any of the following full-time undergraduate programmes, by meeting the General Fees:

- BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance
- BSc (Hons) Finance
- BSc (Hons) Management with Finance

(xi) **Mutual Aid Foundation Scholarships**

The Mauritius Civil Service Mutual Aid Association Ltd, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme will grant a number of fifteen (15) scholarships to deserving and needy students following full-time undergraduate programmes at the University of Mauritius.

The beneficiaries will receive a grant for the duration of their programme of studies

An advertisement will be made by the Foundation inviting applications from such eligible students for the grant of the scholarships.

The selection of the beneficiaries will be made by the Mutual Aid Foundation in consultation with the University as per criteria defined by the Mutual Aid Foundation and approved by the Association

(xii) The Human Resource, Knowledge and Arts Development Fund (Student Scholarship Scheme)

The Human Resource, Knowledge and Arts Development Fund will provide scholarships including a full scholarship for students attending or admitted in courses at post-secondary institutions in Mauritius, under the following terms and conditions;

- (a) The scholarship is aimed at students who are citizens of the Republic of Mauritius;
- (b) The family income of the student (including his/her own income) should not exceed Rs 7,500 per month;
- (c) The family should be facing severe hardship following death or serious incapacity of wage earner;
- (d) The course should not be less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study; and
- (e) The student should not have benefited from any other scholarship for the same course/programme.

The scholarship will be granted on an annual basis for the duration of a first undergraduate programme and will cover the costs of tuition fees, books, examination fees and a maximum monthly stipend of Rs 3,000/- subject to a maximum of Rs 150,000/- per academic year over the duration of the course.

Students from Rodrigues and the outer islands will receive a maximum additional amount of Rsd 5,000/- per month for Board and lodging and also a return airfare (economy) from their place of residence. In such cases the maximum scholarship will be Rs 210,000/- plus the return economy airfare.

Students will be eligible for one scholarship at the undergraduate level only.

Additional information on the above scholarship is available at the following URL:
<http://kdf.intnet.mu/Student%20Loan%20Schemes%20and%20Scholarships.html>

(xiii) The PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd Scholarship

PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd ("PWC") offers scholarship to full-time undergraduate students of the Faculty of Law and Management on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Conditions Enforced by UoM:
 - I. The student is a citizen of Mauritius and is enrolled on one of the FULL-TIME undergraduate's programme offered by the Faculty of Law and Management;
 - II. Whether or not the student's family is enrolled as a hardship case from the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity, Mauritius;
 - III. The monthly family income;
 - IV. Academic qualifications.
- (b) Additional Conditions set by PwC:
 - I. The Grant will be awarded only to full-time students registered for undergraduate programmes, with the Faculty of Law and Management.
 - II. Students must provide evidence that they come from a low-income group family (total income not exceeding Rs 12,000/month). The Joint Committee may revise this amount.
 - III. The candidate has a minimum CPA of 55%.

- IV. Each of the Awardees is expected to achieve a minimum CPA of 55% at the end of each academic year. Sponsorship will cease for the Awardee in question in case the Awardee does not achieve a minimum CPA of 55%. The sum placed at the disposal of the Awardee who has been removed his Sponsorship shall be placed at the disposal of another student to be determined in accordance with the criteria for selection set out in the present Agreement.
- V. The awardees will not concurrently hold another scholarship.
- VI. Each Awardee will benefit from a two months placement in PwC after Year 1 and Year 2.
- VII. PwC offers the students the possibility of being recruited after graduation.
- VIII. Responsibility and good behaviour are expected from the Awardees and the UoM should advise PwC immediately if such is not the case.
- IX. UoM should immediately notify PwC in case of withdrawal of the Awardee from his/her registered course.
- X. PwC may after consultation with the Programme Coordinator contact the Awardee regarding matters pertaining to his/her academic progress at UoM and to the scholarship more generally.

(c) Grant Amount and Cover

Rs 100,000 have been budgeted per year. This amount will be divided between three students for a 3-year programme for each of them. Each Awardee will receive his/her grant by monthly payments for 10 months.

The grant will cover expenses incurred by students, namely:

- I. General Fees (registration, sports and recreation, library fees amongst others).
- II. Additional Fees including books and manuals, photocopies, transport, consumables, meals, etc.

(xiv) The Meera Ramdoyal-Shah Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship

Rs 25,000/- per year will be awarded to one (1) undergraduate needy student enrolled on a three year Undergraduate Programme at the Faculty of Law and Management of the UoM under the following conditions.

This scholarship is open to students:

- registered for full-time undergraduate programmes enrolled within their first year at the Faculty of Law & Management (FLM)
- who are not beneficiary of other grants or scholarships
- whose parents are recipients of social security benefits
- from low-income families – the student must provide evidence that he/she comes from a low income group family (total income not exceeding Rs. 12,000/month)
- with unexpected personal difficulties at any time during the year

Academic (HSC) results will be consulted.

Additional conditions

- The Awardee should achieve a minimum CPA of 50% at the end of each academic year
- The Awardee may be considered for a 2-month secondment in PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) after Year 1 and Year 2
- Sponsorship will cease with immediate effect in case of failure at the end of the academic year or if the candidate does not achieve a minimum CPA of 50% (unless there are exceptional circumstances)
- The grant will be paid in monthly instalments of approximately Rs, 2,000, unless the selected student fails or loses the sponsorship for reasons stated earlier
- The Awardee should immediately notify the UoM in case of withdrawal from the course.

8.2 SCHOLARSHIPS

No student can hold more than one scholarship award concurrently.

18.2.1 Postgraduate Studies

(i) Postgraduate Scholarships awarded by the University of Mauritius

There may be one University of Mauritius postgraduate scholarship per Faculty per year, to the value of Rs14,200 per month for MPhil and Rs 15,500 per month for PhD, all inclusive, tenable at the University only. The duration of the Postgraduate Scholarship shall be of up to two (2) years for MPhil and an additional two (2) years upon transfer from MPhil to PhD. An extension of six months may also be granted subject to satisfactory progress reports with a view to completing either an MPhil or a PhD.

The postgraduate scholarship will be awarded to the best student (on the final year of a degree programme) on the basis of overall performance throughout the three or four years of the degree programme. A postgraduate scholarship cannot be postponed by a scholar to another academic year. A scholar from a particular Faculty/Centre may undertake postgraduate studies/research in any Faculty/Centre of her/his choice at the University of Mauritius.

When a postgraduate scholar from a Faculty prefers to follow a part-time taught Master's Programme instead of undertaking an MPhil/PhD by research, the postgraduate scholarship awarded to her/him will be shared equally with the next best graduate from the same Faculty, who also wishes to follow a part-time taught Master's Programme or a part-time MPhil Programme. The monthly stipend of Rs 14,200 will be split equally between the two scholars for the normal duration of the programmes and tuition fees and general fees (excluding Registration and Students' Welfare Fund) will also be waived. The monthly stipend of Rs 14,200 for MPhil and Rs 15,500 for PhD may also be split between two part-time scholars for the normal duration of the programmes.

(ii) Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) MPhil/PhD Postgraduate Scholarships

The Scheme is advertised by TEC and is open to Mauritian candidates wishing to read for MPhil/PhD programmes either on a full-time or a part-time basis under the TEC Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme tenable at the University of Mauritius. The candidates must hold at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree in the appropriate subject from a recognised institution or alternative equivalent qualifications acceptable to the institution. The chosen field should be one in which research expertise and facilities are available at the University.

Scholarships (Full-time students)

Full-time awardees will receive a stipend of Rs 14,200 monthly for MPhil and Rs 15,500 monthly for PhD (or if upgraded to PhD), plus waiving of tuition fees payable per annum.

Scholarships (Part-time students)

Part-time awardees doing either MPhil, MPhil/PhD or PhD will be given a scholarship which will cover the tuition fees.

Duration of the award

MPhil : 2 years (F/T) / 3 years (P/T)
MPhil/PhD: 3 years (F/T) / 5 Years (P/T)
PhD : 2 years (F/T) / 3 years (P/T)

Further information on the award is available at the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'.

(iii) Mauritius Research Council (MRC) Postgraduate Award

The MRC Postgraduate award is advertised by the MRC and principally targets both unemployed and employed graduates to undertake research studies at a local tertiary education institution, leading to an MPhil or a PhD. The MRC anticipates awarding, on a competitive basis, up to 20 such postgraduate awards. The award covers all registration/tuition fees up to a maximum of Rs 40,000 a year.

The scheme is open to candidates holding at least a first degree in a relevant field and who meet the registration criteria and follow the registration procedures of the institution where the research study will be carried out. The areas of the research studies must be from sectors which are the current priorities of the MRC at the time of the advertisement.

Applicants in full-time employment should provide evidence from their employer that they will be granted adequate release to undertake the part-time research studies.

Further information on the award is available at the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'.

(iv) Postgraduate Scholarships from the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute

Two MSIRI Scholarships for postgraduate research leading to MPhil/PhD degree of the University are awarded as and when available. Selection is conducted by a joint UoM/MSIRI panel. The research project is undertaken at the MSIRI on a selected topic within their research programme in the following subjects: (a) Crop Research or Biotechnology (b) Sugar Engineering or Sugar Technology. These Scholarships are of two to three years' duration and are re-awarded when their recipients have completed their degree. The MSIRI meets the cost of research and the awardees receive a monthly stipend of Rs 9 000 and a monthly allowance of Rs 1 000 for refund of other expenses.

(v) Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The Fellowship is advertised by TEC and is open to Mauritian citizens who hold a PhD and at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a recognised institution or alternative equivalent qualifications acceptable to the institution. The chosen field should be one in which research expertise and facilities are available at the University. The awardee will receive a monthly allowance of Rs17, 600 for up to two years.

Further information on the award is available at the 'Admissions and Student Records Office'

(vi) The Food and Allied Group Research Grant

A grant of Rs 30,000 will be awarded every year to a postgraduate student undertaking research in fields such as "Food, Hotel and Services related to IT or Advertising or Shipping."

18.2.2 Undergraduate Studies

(i) Scholarships awarded by the University of Mauritius

There may be two scholarships per Faculty per year of study: one per year of study for full-time degree stream students and the other per year of study for diploma stream students. The scholarships shall be granted on merit after yearly assessment and the value of each scholarship will be Rs 7 000 all inclusive. At the end of the Diploma/Degree programmes, the scholarships will take the form of a cash award.

(ii) Scholarships awarded by the University of Mauritius to School Leavers ranked after Laureates

Scholarships are awarded to school leavers who are ranked after the 2008 laureates. The scholarship holders will be exempted from payment of General Fees (i.e. Library, Examinations, Sports and Games, Network Service and Laboratory Fees, Distance Education (DE) Manual & Documentation Fee). However, the beneficiaries will be required to pay the Registration and Students' Welfare Fund amounting to a total of Rs 1 800.

The scholarship must be taken in this year and may not be postponed.

It is understood that the awardees will not concurrently hold another scholarship during their studentship at the University of Mauritius. In case the student obtains another offer of award, s/he will have to forfeit one of the awards.

(iii) The Mauritius Sugar Authority Scholarships

The Mauritius Sugar Authority has agreed to grant Scholarships to up to eight University students who have enrolled with the University of Mauritius to follow undergraduate programmes subject to the following conditions:

- a. the student must be able to demonstrate that s/he is the child of a planter cultivating less than 25 arpents or a worker employed in the sugar industry or a worker who has retired from the sugar industry;
- b. the student must be accepted and registered by the University of Mauritius for a programme which shall not be less than 3 years;
- c. only those who undertake studies in subjects directly relevant to sugar production, sugar engineering, sugar cane growing and the agricultural sector shall be entitled to an allowance;
- d. every year 8 students will be chosen and they will receive an allowance of Rs 1 000 per month for a period not exceeding three years; and
- e. the allowance would be forfeited in case the student leaves the University of Mauritius or is not successful in her/his exams.

(iv) The Lafarge (Mauritius) Cement Ltd Grant

The grant will be awarded to a first year student of BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering coming from a low income group family, who would be proceeding to the 2nd year of the programme. The grant will be offered every three years as from the academic year 2007/2008.

The terms and conditions of the Grant are as follows:

- (i) The grant is of a value of Rs 16,000 annually (excluding fees for resit examinations) and will be renewed annually for each successful year until completion of the programme.
- (ii) The student will be selected on the basis of his/her first year examination results followed by an interview to be carried out by a Selection Panel comprising representatives of the University of Mauritius and the Lafarge (Mauritius) Cement Ltd.
- (iii) The student must provide evidence that he/she comes from a low income group family (total income not exceeding Rs 12,000/- per month).

(v) The Food and Allied Group Scholarship

The Scholarship will be awarded every year to the best first year student (Degree Stream) from each of the Faculties of (i) Agriculture (ii) Engineering (iii) Social Studies and Humanities who would be proceeding to the second year of the programme.

The terms and conditions of the Scholarship are as follows:

- (i) The Scholarship is of a value of Rs 10,000 annually.
- (ii) The awardee should achieve a minimum CPA of 65%.
- (iii) The Scholarship will be renewed on a yearly basis (not exceeding 2 years for 3-year programmes and 3 years for 4-year programmes) subject to the awardee being ranked 1st in his/her class at the end of each academic year, failing which it will be terminated accordingly.
- (iv) The awardee will not concurrently hold another scholarship or bursary.

(vi) Mauritius LSE Society Trust Fund Scholarship

The Scholarship will be awarded to the two best students of the Diploma in Social Work who are proceeding to the third year of the programme.

The Scholarship will be maintained in the fourth year as well, subject to satisfactory progress of the student in the third year.

The terms & conditions of the Scholarship are as follows:

- a. Two Scholarships of Rs 12 500 each to the two best students.
- b. Any student, whose tuition fees are being paid by her/his employer or sponsor is not entitled to the Scholarship.

(vii) President's Award for Rodrigues

Under the President's Award, one scholarship is offered every year to a Rodriguan student having studied Forms IV to VI in Rodrigues for undergraduate studies tenable at the University of Mauritius, fully financed by Government.

Candidates applying for the scholarship may apply for a programme of their choice but preference is given to those opting for a programme within the priority fields of study.

(viii) Scholarships in Science-related subject for Rodrigues

With a view to encouraging more students to pursue tertiary education in the field of science, two scholarships (financed by Government) are offered to Rodriguan students for studies in a science-related subject at the University of Mauritius.

Benefits

The scholarships presently cover:

- a. return airfare;
- b. a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs 6 500; and
- c. exemption from university registration fees.

Selection

The selection of candidates is carried out by the High Powered Scholarships Committee of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources.

(ix) Mauritius Commercial Bank Rodrigues Scholarship Scheme

MCB offers a scholarship annually to a full-time student of the University of Mauritius. The student should be a resident of Rodrigues, and registered at the University of Mauritius for a degree programme of three or four years.

(x) The CIM Financial Group Sponsorship Programme

The CIM Financial Group will sponsor two (2) students (from Year II programmes) at the Faculty of Law and Management to undertake exchange programmes with foreign universities. A sum of Rs 200,000 will be allocated for the project.

The criteria for the selection of candidates will be as follows:

- Academic performance
- Personality
- Extra curricular activities
- Candidates' potential to positively contribute to Mauritian Society

(xi) Award of Bursary by the Amedee Maingard Foundation

The Amedee Maingard Foundation will offer a Bursary to the best 1st Year student enrolled on a degree programme leading to the BSc (Hons) Tourism, Leisure and Recreational Management Programme who would be proceeding to the second year of the programme. The Bursary will be maintained until completion of the programme and also include a monthly stipend of Rs 7, 500.

(xii) Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius Scholarship

The Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius will sponsor, in terms of general and tuition fees up to a maximum of 4 years, the best student from the Foundation Course in Social Work to follow the Diploma/BSc (Hons) in Social Work, for the four year duration of the programme. This sponsorship will be renewed annually for a period of 3 years starting from the academic year 2008/2009.

18.3 PRIZES AND MEDALS

18.3.1 All Faculties

(i) Chung Tick Kan Postgraduate Research Prize for Industrial Development

Two(2) Cash Prizes and two (2) Gold Medals will be awarded as follows:

- One Cash Prize and one Gold Medal to the Best Applied Research Project
- One Cash Prize and one Gold Medal to the Best Pure Research Project

The Terms and Conditions of the award are as follows:

- (i) Each Prize is of a value of Rs12,000 annually.
- (ii) Each Prize will be awarded on the basis of one research paper only for which the researcher was first author and played a significant role and his brief CV.
- (iii) The researcher should have produced the highest piece of published original research.

Further information on the Selection, Criteria and Submission for the above prize is available at the Research, Consultancy & Innovation (RCI) Office of the University.

(ii) Independence Gold Medals

Five Independence Gold Medals made available annually by the State Bank of Mauritius will be awarded to the best undergraduate student (full-time or part-time) in each of the five Faculties.

(iii) The Mahinder Kumar and Usha Rani Jain Gold Medal

The Gold Medal will be awarded to the best final year undergraduate student (full-time or part-time) of the University.

18.3.2 Faculty of Agriculture

(i) The Burrenchobay Memorial Prize

This prize shall be in the form of cash, books or medal or in such manner as the Senate may decide. The award shall be made to the student who has attained the highest standard at the end of the final year of any undergraduate or postgraduate Programme at the Faculty of Agriculture.

(ii) Shri Motilall Jugessur Gold Medal

One medal is awarded yearly to the student in the Faculty of Agriculture having produced the best BSc Final Year project.

(iii) MSIRI Medal

One Medal is awarded each year to the best student having scored a First Class Honours at Final examinations in the Faculty of Agriculture.

18.3.3 Faculty of Engineering

(i) The Toyota Prize – donated by Toyota (Mauritius) Ltd

A cash prize of Rs 15 000 will be awarded yearly to the best final year student on the following Programmes in order of priority:

BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
BEng (Hons) Mechatronics
BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering

(ii) The Mauritius Export Association (MEXA) Prize

Award of a cash prize of Rs 5 000 to the best student of the MSc Quality Management Programme.

(iii) The New Island Clothing Prize

Award of a trophy to the best final year student of the BSc (Hons) Textile Technology Programme.

(iv) Professor Jawaharlal Baguant Memorial Medal

The Professor Jawaharlal Baguant Memorial Medal (donated by the Faculty of Engineering) will be awarded with the following criteria:

- (i) The medal would be awarded to a first year student of any Engineering Degree Programme having earned the highest Cumulative Point Average (CPA) and having earned a minimum of 30 credits per year.
- (ii) In the case of ex-aequo, the individual results would be considered, and the student having earned the highest average for the following common modules would be awarded the medal:

CSE 1010e(1) - Introduction to Information Technology
COMS 1010(1) - Communication Skills
MATH 1111(1) - Mathematics I

(v) Mrs L F Lim Fat Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is awarded to a student in the Faculty of Engineering on the basis of her/his academic performance as well as her/his general contribution to the life of the University.

(vi) Shri Motilal Jugessur Gold Medal

One medal is awarded yearly to the student in the Faculty of Engineering having produced the best BEng Final Year project.

(vii) MSIRI Medal

One Medal is awarded each year to the best student having scored a First Class Honours at Final examinations in the Faculty of Engineering.

(viii) Richfield Tang Knits Ltd Prizes

Prizes are awarded to the BSc (Hons) Textile and Fashion Design students as follows:

- a. A trophy to the best final year student on the programme;
- b. A trophy to the final year student having produced the best portfolio/collection;
- c. A shield including several badges bearing the names of the best graduate in Textile and Fashion Design for each academic year as from the year 2006, to be displayed by the Faculty.

(ix) The Institution of Engineers Mauritius (IEM) Prize

The Institution of Engineers Mauritius (IEM) in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering will hold the Final Year Engineering Project Competition on a yearly basis.

The modus operandi of the competition is as follows:

- (a) The Faculty will identify two (2) best projects from each Department based on project marks. A Jury Panel will then select six (6) projects. Criteria: Particular relevance to industry;

- (b) The Jury Panel will consist of:
 - The Dean of Faculty of Engineering or Representative;
 - Two members designated by IEM; and
 - Two members from the Faculty of Engineering appointed by Faculty Board;
- (c) The selected candidates will be invited to participate in the Final Year Engineering Project Competition and each will be required to present his/her project. Duration of Presentation 15 minutes;
- (d) The Jury Panel will assess the presentations.
- (e) The students delivering the best presentations will receive a cash prize as follows:
 - 1st Prize : Rs 25,000 (offered by EMTEL)
 - 2nd Prize : Rs 10,000 (offered by STPCE)
 - 3rd Prize : Rs 5,000 (offered by IEM)

All Participants: Certificate of Participation

(x) TNT Express Prize

A Cash Prize of Rs 35, 000 accompanied by a shield will be awarded annually to an undergraduate student of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering having produced the Best Final Year Project, subject to availability of funds.

A Jury Panel will assess the best final year project.

- (i) The composition of the Jury Panel to assess the best final year project in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering will be as follows:
 - The Dean of Faculty of Engineering or his/her Representative.
 - Two members designated by TNT Express.
 - Two members from the Faculty of Engineering, appointed by Faculty Board, preferably from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.
- (ii) The Panel will devise criteria to assess the best final year project and recommend same.

18.3.4 Faculty of Law and Management

(i) Madame Jeanne Ah-Chuen Memorial Prize

This cash prize to the value of the annual interest accrued on the capital will be awarded to the best student on the BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance.

(ii) The Association of Human Resource Professionals Prize

This prize (one shield or in case of ex-aequo, two or more shields) is awarded to the student/s ranked first on the MSc Human Resource Studies Programme.

(iii) The International Financial Services Ltd Prize

A cash prize of Rs 10 000 will be awarded to the undergraduate student having produced the best Dissertation in Finance in the Faculty of Law and Management.

(iv) KPMG Prize of Excellence

A shield and an award of Rs 10 000 will be awarded to the best graduate of the Department of Finance and Accounting.

(v) The State Bank of Mauritius Ltd Prize

A scholarship of Rs 12 000 will be awarded to the best student of first or second year of the Department of Finance and Accounting.

(vi) Mauritius Telecoms Group Prize

A shield and a set of specialised books to be awarded to the best student in the final year of the MSc e-Business Programme.

(vii) Sun Resorts Ltd Prize

A trophy to be awarded to the best student of the final year of the MBA Programme.

(viii) Gamma-Civic Ltd Prize

Four cash prizes of Rs 5 000 each to be awarded to the best students of the MBA, MBA (Marketing), MSc Marketing Management and BSc (Hons) Management Programmes.

(ix) Air Mauritius Ltd Prize

A medal worth approximately Rs 9,000 to the best final year student in the Tourism field (from the BSc (Hons) Tourism Leisure and Recreational Management Programme) annually for a period of five years as from the academic year 2007/2008.

(x) Shell Mauritius Ltd Prize

Book prizes to be awarded to the best students of the BA (Hons) Law and Management Years/ Levels I, II and III programmes.

(xi) The ACCA Mauritius Prize

A shield (worth approximately Rs 4,000) is offered to the best graduate student of the BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance programme on an annual basis.

(xii) The Holcim (Mauritius) Ltd Prizes

a) Award of a Souvenir Shield

The Holcim (Mauritius) Ltd will award a souvenir shield to the 1st ranked student in the final year of study for the following disciplines:

Undergraduate Course

BSc (Hons) Marketing Management **OR**
BSc (Hons) Management

Postgraduate Course

MBA (Specialisation: Marketing) **OR**
MBA General – (Part-Time)

b) Cash Prize

The Holcim (Mauritius) Ltd will also sponsor the 1st ranked student in the second year of study for the above undergraduate disciplines, with a cash prize of MUR 13,000.

The above prizes will be renewed annually for the next three years, starting as from the academic year 2007/2008.

(xiii) Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius Sponsorship

(i) Barclays Bank Cash Prize

The Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius will sponsor the overall cum laude best final student in the following programmes with a cash prize of Rs 15 000 to each recipient, to be renewed annually for the next 3 years (effective from academic year 2007/2008):

- (a) BSc (Hons) Accounting with Finance –F/T
- (b) BSc (Hons) Finance – F/T
- (c) BSc (Hons) Management with Finance – F/T
- (d) BSc (Hons) Business Studies – P/T
- (e) BSc (Hons) Financial Services – P/T
- (f) MSc Finance – P/T
- (g) MBA Financial Management – P/T

(ii) Barclays Bank Shield

The Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius will award the ‘Barclays Bank Shield’ to each recipient in the above programmes listed [(a) to (g)], annually for the next 3 years (effective as from academic year 2007/2008).

(iii) Award of Bursary

The Barclays Bank PLC Mauritius will offer a bursary to the overall best student in the years preceding the final year, for the above undergraduate programmes [(a) to (e)], taking into account that (a) to (c) are full-time programmes and (d) & (e) are part-time programmes, by meeting general and tuition fees for the final year.

(xiv) General Construction Co. Ltd Prize

The General Construction Co. Ltd will offer the following Cash Prizes to students of the Faculty of Law and Management every year:

- A Cash Prize of Rs 10,000/- to be awarded yearly to the best final year student of the Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLB) programme.
- A Cash Prize of Rs 5,000/- to be awarded yearly to the best final year student of the BA (Hons) Law and Management programme.

(xv) The Meera Ramdoyal-Shah Reward for Excellence

A Cash Prize of Rs 5,000/- will be awarded yearly to the best final student having scored a First Class Honours at Final Examinations of the Faculty of Law and Management.

(xvi) Shield and Cash Prize from Law Reform Commission

A Shield and a Cash Prize from the Law Reform Commission for Outstanding Performance in Legal Studies will be awarded each year to two final year students, the best student reading for the Bachelor of Laws with Honours - (LLB (Hons)) and BA (Hons) Law and Management.

(xvii) Shield from Attorney General's Office

A Shield from the Attorney General's Office will be awarded to the best student reading for the Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLB (Hons)) and BA (Hons) Law and Management every year.

(xviii) Shield from Phoenix Insurance (Mauritius) Ltd

A Shield from the Phoenix Insurance (Mauritius) Ltd will be awarded to the best final year student reading either for the Bachelor of Laws with Honours - (LLB (Hons)) or for a BA (Hons) Law and Management every year.

18.3.5 Faculty of Science

(i) The City Clinic Gold Medal and Cash Prize

A gold medal and cash prize of Rs 4 000 will be awarded to the best and second best student of the BSc (Hons) Medical Science Final Year Programme annually.

(ii) The Jagadish and Pushpawatee Manrakhan Gold Medals in Mathematics and Medical Studies or Medicine

A J & P Manrakhan Gold Medal is awarded each year in Mathematics to the best graduate in the subject, as decided upon by Senate, on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board.

Where a 'Single Honours' Mathematics Programme does not exist, the medal will be awarded for the best performance in Mathematics in a combined Honours Programme where Mathematics counts as the Main subject; otherwise it shall be based on the best performance in Mathematics in a Joint Honours Programme where Mathematics counts as at least half of the total.

A gold medal will also be awarded annually to the best final year student of the BSc(Hons) Medical Science.

(iii) The Compagnie Agricole de Labourdonnais Cash Prize

A Cash Prize of Rs 5,000 will be awarded by the 'Compagnie Agricole de Labourdonnais' annually to the best final year undergraduate Biology student.

(iv) Shell Mauritius Ltd Cash Prize and Gold Medal

A cash prize of Rs 10 000 and a gold medal will be awarded annually by 'Shell Mauritius Ltd' to the best final year undergraduate Chemistry student.

(v) Cinq Plus Prize and Gold Medal (Under Review)

A cash prize of Rs 5 000 and a gold medal will be awarded annually to the best final year undergraduate Physics student.

(vi) Professor Abdus Salaam Gold Medal

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association will award a Gold Medal to be known as the ‘Professor Abdus Salaam Gold Medal’ to the best student who obtains a First Class Honours in the BSc (Hons) Physics.

(vii) The Jugdutt Memorial Award of Excellence for Higher Education

An engraved medal or plaque plus cash award or books as the Senate may decide will be awarded to the undergraduate student with superior academic achievement for the Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree examinations in the Faculty of Science.

(viii) The Prof Ameenah Gurib-Fakim Gold Medal

One gold medal will be awarded each year to the best scientist, that is, to the best final year undergraduate student, with the best CPA, at the Faculty of Science.

(ix) MSIRI Paul Octave Wiehe Medal

The Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute (MSIRI) will award a Silver Medal known as the MSIRI Paul Octave Wiehe Medal to the best student of the Faculty of Science.

18.3.6 Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities

(i) The Mauritius Council of Social Services Award

A gold-plated award, bearing the name of the awardee, is made each year by MACOSS to the best student in the final examinations for the BSc (Hons) Social Work programme.

(ii) The Nadeem Peerbocus Memorial Prize

The Hassam Toorawa Trust will award a yearly cash prize of Rs 1 000 to be known as “The Nadeem Peerbocus Memorial Prize” to the best student on the BA (Hons) French Year I.

(iii) The Elvet Prize

The Elvet Prize is awarded to the best final year undergraduate or postgraduate student in English.

(iv) Bank of Mauritius Prize

A Cash Prize of Rs 25 000 will be awarded to the best student of the MSc Applied Economics Programme specialising in Banking & Finance.

(v) Bank of Mauritius Gold Medal

A Gold Medal will be awarded to the student scoring a distinction in the MSc Applied Economics Programme irrespective of the field of specialisation.

(vi) The Jagadish and Pushpawatee Manrakhan Gold Medal in English

A J & P Manrakhan Gold Medal is awarded each year in English to the best graduate in the subject, as decided upon by Senate, on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board.

Where a ‘Single Honours’ English Programme does not exist, the medal will be awarded for the best performance in English in a combined Honours Programme where English counts as

the Main subject; otherwise it shall be based on the best performance in English in a Joint Honours Programme where English counts as at least half of the total.

(vii) The Poonsamy & Petchaye Parsuramen Gold Medal

The Gold Medal will be awarded to the best final year student from either of the following two programmes:

- BSc (Hons Economics & Finance)
- BSc (Hons) Social Science (Specialisation: Psychology/Sociology/ Political Science)

(viii) The Professor Roland and Mrs Jacqueline Lamusse Gold Medal

The Gold medal will be awarded every year to the student who will be ranked first in the final year of the BSc (Hons) Economics programme.

18.3.7 Mahatma Gandhi Institute

(i) The Mohunlall Mohith Foundation Award

The Mohunlall Mohith Foundation Award is given to the best student in the field of Hindi according to the following criteria:

- a. The award, of a value of Rs 25 000, will be made to the best student of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute-University of Mauritius BA (Hons) Hindi Final/ BA (Hons) Hindi with Education Final with a First Class and who is enrolled on the MA Hindi Programme offered by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute and the University of Mauritius in the following academic year.
- b. Should the best student not be enrolled on the MA programme, the next best graduate, with a first class, enrolling on the MA Programme will become the beneficiary.
- c. In case of ex-aequo, the award will be shared equally.
- d. If the Programme offered by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute and the University of Mauritius is not available in a particular year, consideration may be given to make the award to the best candidate with a First Class who is attending an MA Hindi Programme at a recognized tertiary education institution in India in that year.
- e. The award should be made in two instalments.

(ii) Angidi Veeriah and Malliga Chettiar Award

- An award called the “Angidi Veeriah and Malliga Chettiar Award” of a value of Rs 10,000 is annually payable out of the interest on the funds amounting to Rs 200,000 donated to the Mahatma Gandhi Institute by Mr Angidi Veeriah Chettiar, Vice-President of the Republic of Mauritius.
- The award is intended for the best second year student of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute/University of Mauritius BA (Hons) Tamil who will be proceeding to the third year of the programme.
- The award is meant for the student with the highest Cumulative Point Average (CPA) at the second year examinations results. The student must achieve a minimum Cumulative Point Average (CPA) of 60.

- In case there is no cohort of full-time students for the BA (Hons) Tamil in any one year, the award will go to the student of BA (Hons) Tamil (part-time) who has scored the best results.

18.3.8 SSR Medical College

(i) Professor I Fagoonee Trophy

Two trophies will be awarded annually, one to the male and the other to the female graduate of the SSR Medical College having the best overall academic record.