

FY2024: Core human resource (Core HR) development program for Blue
Economy Development of the Republic of Mauritius
Application guidelines for Doctoral course study support

1. Aim

The Republic of Mauritius is an island country, located in the Western Indian Ocean. Mauritius is a key hub for commerce and trade activities through maritime transport and has achieved significant economic development recently. However, today many educated and young professionals seek employment abroad (“brain drain”), so the number of people remaining on the island who can design and manage effective sustainable-development activities is few. The Blue Economy of Mauritius, which is based on the use of marine resources and the marine environment, urgently needs to develop high-level human resources with advanced knowledge in marine resource utilization.

This project is funded by the MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability. The project was established to provide financial support for educational activities in fisheries and marine life sciences as well as industrial applications of them to young hopes who meet the requirements based on the philosophy of the Graduate School of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University. We expect that the supported students will develop their creative capacity and be motivated for sustainable development with advanced research capabilities, a broad perspective, and the ability to take action on a global scale. The objective is to develop human resources and contribute to the development of the Blue Economy.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements.

- (1) Wishes to enroll in the doctoral course at the Graduate School in 2024. (Applicants must pass the entrance examination.)
- (2) The applicant’s proposed research must be related to development based on sustainable use of marine resources in the Republic of Mauritius.
- (3) The applicant will continue research, development, and dissemination activities in the Republic of Mauritius after completing the PhD course.
- (4) Able to read and write English or Japanese.

3. Supporting period

Within a maximum of 3 years in PhD. program

4. Accepting number of applicants

one

5. Application period

2023/September/01-2023/September/14

6. Details of supports

The following expenses (1) and (2) will be covered:

(1) Academic support

- Amount equivalent to admission fee and tuition fee: paid twice a year
 - First time, 550,000 yen will be paid (equivalent to admission fee: 300,000 yen, half-year tuition fee: 250,000 yen)
 - From the second time onwards, 250,000 yen will be paid twice a year in April and October (for 3 years during the doctoral course)

(2) Round-trip transportation expenses between Japan and Mauritius when traveling for research purposes

- However, the round-trip section here is limited to the [economically shortest route] between Japan and the Republic of Mauritius.

A housing allowance will not be provided.

7. Application documents

- (1) Mauritius Study Support Application Form (Form 1)
- (2) Research plan (Form 2)
- (3) Letter of recommendation from the host faculty member (any format)
- (4) Certificate, letter, etc. regarding continuing activities related to Mauritius development after completion (any format)

*Application documents must be written in English or Japanese.

8. Submission of application documents

Please send by email to the following address:

Student Affairs Section

Hokkaido University Hakodate Campus

gakusei@fish.hokudai.ac.jp

9. Selection criteria

Based on the submitted documents, etc., selection will be made according to the following criteria.

- (1) With a strong will to continuously research, develop, and disseminate research related to development based on sustainable use of marine resources in the Republic of Mauritius.
- (2) With appropriate research plan.
- (3) The content of the recommendation by the academic advisor is appropriate.
- (4) Candidate has a strong interest in the education and research of the university.
- (5) Others: If necessary, an interview (available online) may be conducted.

10. Results notification, etc.

Applicants will be notified of selection results by e-mail in November 2023.

11. Recipient Responsibilities

For (1), (2), and (3) below, receive confirmation from your supervisor by the end of the academic year and submit it to the student affairs office by email. In addition, if there is no submission, the support may be suspended for the next fiscal year.

- (1) Regularly (twice a year) provide a newsletter on the progress of own research, the situation of local fisheries sector related to the research, and related information on dissemination activities in Mauritius.
- (2) Submit a research plan for each academic year in the specified format.
 - Mauritius Study Support Annual Research Plan (Form 3)
- (3) Report on the research results in the designated format to ensure that the research is being conducted appropriately.
 - Mauritius Study Support Research Report (Form 4)
- (4) At the beginning of each semester, a face-to-face enrollment confirmation will be made at the Student Affairs Office. The date of confirmation will be notified separately.

12. Notes

Students are not eligible for a reduction or exemption of entrance and tuition fees at Hokkaido University or other scholarships for tuition and other support purposes (excluding living support).

Scholarships for other tuition and other support purposes (except for living support purposes) cannot be used concurrently.

13. Suspension or cancellation of the support

If any of the following apply, the financial support will be stopped. In some cases, you may be asked to return the amount that you have already paid.

- (1) When taking a leave of absence (excluding unavoidable cases such as illness)
- (2) In case of withdrawal, graduation or completion

- (3) In the event of violation of the rules of Hokkaido University or acts contrary to the text of those rules (disciplinary action and severe warning)
- (4) When there is a request to decline the receipt of study support money
- (5) For any other reason if the payment of the study support money is no longer deemed appropriate.

14. Contact

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