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The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi has enclosed an advertisement for seeking nominations from **Indian Ocean Rim Association Member States** for the post of Chair in Indian Ocean Studies to be re-established in University of Mauritius, Mauritius. **The applications alongwith a covering letter together with a full CV should reach The Secretary and Head of Administrative Division, Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), 4TH Floor, TEC Building, Reduit, Mauritius by the 1st week of April, 2014 at latest.**

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Mriganka Sekhar Sarma
(Education Officer)

CHAIR IN INDIAN OCEAN RIM STUDIES
The Tertiary Education Commission (Mauritius)
and
Ministry of External Affairs, India

invite applications for the Chair in Indian Ocean Rim Studies to be based in Mauritius. The candidate should be an internationally recognised scholar with good research capability and experience, having demonstrated country expertise in at least one of the Member States of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) including in coordinating research and teamwork. The Chair will be for two years and the position is open to nationals of all IORA Member States.

The person appointed to the Chair will play a leadership and catalytic role in fostering research activities and studies in fields of interest to the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) with a view to evolving realistic programmes of cooperation. A major responsibility of the Chair will be, *inter alia*, to undertake studies in regional integration groupings, operation of World Trade System including WTO, trade policies of developed and developing countries and South-South Cooperation as well as to organize workshops/ short-term training programmes in selected areas for the benefit of top management in the public and private sector on topics of regional and international significance.

Required Profile

Applicants should possess the following:

- (a) A postgraduate degree in Economics/International Trade/Business and/or Management, preferably a Ph.D with published work of high quality;
- (b) At least 10 years experience at university level teaching and/or research at the university/national level institutions and demonstrated expertise in managing multi-country programmes. Alternative but comparable experience will also be considered;
- (c) A demonstrated country expertise in at least one of the Members States of the IORA;
- (d) An ability to make significant contributions to policies for economic growth of the IOR Region;
- (e) An ability to develop and organize research studies, training programmes, workshops/seminars on issues of the IOR Region; and
- (f) An ability to network and interact effectively with research institutions/universities/government departments in the IOR Region.

Networking with all the concerned organisations will be very beneficial to draw up useful projects that would help promote economic development and accelerate trade expansion of the member countries apart from avoiding any overlapping of the work. The networking would, therefore, help to achieve the core objectives of the chair and result in synergy. Each member country has a number of universities and research institutions. The research work carried out by these organisations will be of immense use in carrying out the activities of the Chair.

Location and Duration

The Chair will be located at the University of Mauritius, on full-time basis for a period of two years in the first instance. The appointee may be eligible for re-appointment.

Benefits

The person appointed will draw a salary of US\$3,064 per month and end of year bonus equivalent to one month salary. The travelling allowances will be as per PRB Report 2013.

In addition he will receive an end of year gratuity equivalent to two months salary payable on completion of 12 months satisfactory service. Other benefits include generous house rent allowance transfer, duty-free car and subsidized car loan, passages from home country to Mauritius and a travel budget for Missions in the IORA region. Free health care facilities in public health institutions to the appointee and members of his family and free education at primary and secondary to the children of the appointee will be provided by the Mauritian Government funded Schools.

The appointee will be entitled for 21 days of annual leave for every year of contract (such leaves not taken may be cashed at the end of each year of contract or accumulated).

The appointee will be entitled to 21 working days of sick leave for every year of contract, which, if not taken would not be convertible into cash.

The appointee will be eligible for economy class airfare from home country to Mauritius and back, at the beginning and end of appointment for self, spouse and up to three dependent children below the age of 21 as per the new PRB Report 2013. An allowance to cover the cost of excess luggage (max 25 kg), a transfer grant of 5% of annual salary to cover incidental charges upon expiry of final contract will also be provided.

All other benefits would be governed by Conditions of Services as applicable to the public in Mauritius.

Mode of Application

A covering letter together with a full CV should reach the Secretary and Head of Administration Division, Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) at the address below by the 1st week of April 2014 at latest. Applicants should also forward this information by email to the following address: (1) IORA Secretariat: iorahq@intnet.mu and TEC: secretary@tec.mu.

Selection of the candidate

Selection of the candidate will be done jointly by the Tertiary Education Commission, Mauritius and Ministry of External Affairs, India, New Delhi.

The Tertiary Education Commission, Mauritius and the Ministry of External Affairs, India reserve the right not to make any appointment as a result of this advertisement.

*The Secretary and Head of Administrative Division
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4th Floor, TEC Building
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Mauritius*

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