

POST-GRADUATE AWARD (PGA)

1.0 FOREWORD

The Mauritius Research Council (MRC) is an apex para-statal organisation established in 1992 by an Act of the National Assembly (Act No. 10, 1992). The activities of the Council focus on promoting, coordinating and exploiting research with a view to sharpening the competitive edge of industries and achieving sustainable economic and social growth. To that end, the Council operates a number of Research Grant Schemes. In particular, this descriptive details the MRC Post-Graduate Award (PGA) scheme. To be eligible for the PGA, the areas/subjects of proposed research must be from the following sectors which are the current priorities of the Council:

- 1. Ocean Technology and Marine Resources
- 2. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- 3. Waste Management and Waste Recycling
- 4. Biomedical and Biopharmaceutical Research based on indigenous resources
- 5. Science and Technology Education
- 6. Social and Economic Issues
- 7. Information & Communication Technology
- 8. Land & Land Use
- 9. Manufacturing Technology
- 10. Water Resources
- 11. Financial Services

2.0 TEMPLATE

Each submission should follow the template as shown below.

2.1 <u>Title</u>

The title should be clear and concise.

2.2 Applicant

Applicants should possess at least a first degree in a relevant field and should be able to meet the registration criteria and follow the registration procedures of the institution where the research study will be carried out. Selected candidates should be prepared to register with selected tertiary institution before July 2011.

2.3 <u>Supervisor</u>

Applicants must have already chosen their supervisor and made sure of their consent concerning supervision. An official letter from the supervisor must be included with the application form.

2.4 Institution

The name of the proposed tertiary institution and the respective department should be given.

2.5 Sector

Applicants must identify under which research priority areas, their research proposals fall.

2.6 Research abstract

In not more than **200 words** this section should give the background, the context (economic, social, physical, academic, etc.) and the need for the research. It should also highlight the main activities to be carried out during the research and their timetable.

2.7 Aims and objectives

In not more than **100 words** the applicants should give the specific aims and objectives of the research.

2.8 Expected outcomes and application of research findings

Applicants should here endeavour to give an indication of the expected outcomes of their research and show the prospective application(s) of their research outputs (**max 100 words**).

2.9 <u>References</u>

Research proposals should be referenced using the Harvard system.

Note: Applications failing to comply with the eligibility criteria and/or to follow the research template may not be considered.

3.0 INQUIRIES

For further inquiries on the PGA you may contact the MRC, at the following address:

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