Guidelines for Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme awardees travelling abroad during the Scholarship period

1. Travel Guidelines and Requirements

The scholarship covers a return airfare by the most economical route from the country of origin at the beginning of the studies and back to the country of origin upon successful completion. The scholarship does not provide for other travelling expenses during the study period. No request for additional grants will be considered.

Awardees should inform the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research in writing through their respective project supervisor(s) at least **two (2) weeks in advance** if they have to leave Mauritius for any reason.

For data collection, they will have to inform the Ministry and their Doctoral School/ Faculty through their supervisor(s) at least **eight (8) weeks in advance**.

For attendance to conferences/seminars, awardees would be granted special leave from their institution one day prior to one day after the conference/seminar. They will have to inform the Ministry and their Doctoral School/ Faculty through their supervisor(s) at least **eight (8) weeks in advance**.

2. Travelling during semester/ end-of-year break

The student will not be entitled to a refund of any expenses related to their travel during semester/ end-of-year break.

3. Travelling outside semester break

MASS awardees are encouraged not to travel during semester time as this may affect their academic progress. Except in cases of emergency travelling (defined in para. 4 below) or for approved institutional special leave, monthly living allowance will be computed pro-rata based on the number of days spent in Mauritius.

4. Emergency Travelling

Students who have to travel urgently to their home country to attend to family matters of high importance or due to illness will continue to benefit from the monthly allowance provided the period of stay abroad is less than 6 weeks.

5. Travelling for data collection purposes

Awardees who have to go abroad during the period of scholarship for data collection will receive their full monthly living allowance while outside Mauritius. This would be subject to a typical maximum duration of **four to six months**, which may be over 2 periods during the whole study period, subject to formal approval of the supervisor and the institution.

All costs associated with such activity (including airfare) shall have to be borne by the student. The awardee should inform the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research through the institution, of the travelling period **two months in advance**.

6. Travelling to attend Seminars and Conferences

MPhil/PhD awardees may apply to attend and present papers in seminars and conferences abroad as part of their study. Any MASS awardee travelling abroad to attend conferences/ workshops/ colloquium/ symposium must inform the Ministry through their supervisor at least **eight (8) weeks** prior to the event.

The student will bear all cost pertaining to attendance of the event.

The monthly living allowance will be maintained for one day prior to one day after the conference/ seminar and will not be paid beyond the authorised leave period.