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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Deptt. of Higher Education)
ES.5 Section

BELGIUM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS, 2012-2013

LAST DATE:19.03.2012

Typed applications in the prescribed format are invited from Indian Nationals residing in India for the award of 3 (three) Belgium Government Scholarships, of duration of 10 months each for the academic year 2012-2013 in the following subjects fields for specialization.

- a). Agronomy;
- b). Environmental Science; and
- c). Photonics

2. **QUALIFICATIONS :-**

- a) Applicants should have obtained a first class graduates with minimum 60% marks in aggregate in the related subject. Candidates with Ph.D. degree will not be considered, as they cannot have a student status at Flemish Universities.
- b) These scholarships are only valid for higher education institutions/ programmes recognised by the Flemish Government (Education and Training Department). Information can be found at: www.highereducation.be/browseindex and at www.highereducation.be
- c) Applicants should be university graduates and apply for postgraduate or Ph.D. studies. Candidates who already obtained a Ph.D. degree will not be considered for the scholarships as they cannot be enrolled as students in the Flemish higher education system.
- d) Intending candidates must submit 2 sets of the application form (in Annex), along with the required attachments. (one original file and one copy). They should clearly indicate for which higher education institution and/or programme they apply. If they have had earlier contacts with the institution concerned, it is advisable to add the coordinates of the staff member contacted (name, e-mail address etc.) to the application file.
- e) Candidates should be younger than 35 years of age as on **1st January, 2013**.
- f) Applicants are required to give proof of outstanding academic performance and of a very good account of the English language.

- g) These scholarships will be granted by the International Relations Office of the Education and Training Department, on receipt of confirmation of admission by the concerned university.
- h) List of Applicants who would be short-listed for interview will be displayed on our website. Interview letters will also be issued to the applicants who have been short-listed for interview. An applicant can come for interview if his name in the list is displayed on our website eventhough for some reason he is not in receipt of the interview letter.**

3. **ALLOWANCES** : Accepted scholars will receive.

- a) A monthly allowance of 840,00 EUR.
- b) Reimbursement of the tuition fee to be paid to a Flemish Community institute or to an institute subsidized by the Flemish Community, limited to a maximum amount that will be readjusted annually (academic year 2011-12 : up to a maximum of 578,70 EUR; for the current 2012-2013 academic year: unknown to the moment).

If an applicant applies for a more expensive programme she/he has to cover the difference by herself/himself.

The tuition fee of these expensive (“Master-after-Master”) programmes can amount 1.050,00 EUR to 14.000,00 EUR.

The accepted candidates have to pay the full tuition fee first by themselves. Afterwards the valid maximum amount will be reimbursed on their Belgian account.

- c) An extensive health and third party liability insurance in accordance with Belgian legislation.

Traveling expenses from India to Belgium and back will be borne either by the candidate or by his/her employers/sponsors.

LAST DATE

Application alongwith the following documents must reach to the Section Officer, ES.5 Section, External Scholarship Division, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, West Block-I, 2nd Floor, Wing-6, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110 066 latest by **19th March, 2012 (5.30 PM)**. Application can also be downloaded from the Department’s website <http://mhrd.gov.in> on line applications will be accepted provided hard copy of the application alongwith enclosures (attested copies of certificates, marks-sheet etc.) reach the Ministry within 5 days of the closing date.

ENCLOSURES :-

- i) Attested Photostat copies of all educational degrees/certificate starting from Matriculation/Higher Secondary.
- ii) Attested Photostat copy of the 'No Objection Certificate' obtained from the employer.
- iii) A certificate of fluency in English or other European Language.
- iv) An extensive curriculum vitae.
- v) A comprehensive motivation of the applicant for the scholarship.
- vi) A comprehensive work scheme.
- vii) A recent passport size photograph of the candidate to be affixed on the prescribed application form.
- viii) Letters of recommendations from two referees preferably from Professors who have taught him/her.

NOTE :-

1. Applications received after last date will not be entertained.
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. The selected candidates will avail of the scholarships in all cases. Therefore, an undertaking that he/she will not refuse the offer should be sent in duplicate along with the application.
4. In case of candidates qualifying from Universities/Institution which do not give class or division, requirements in lieu of first class will be **60% marks**, where grades are awarded, the candidates are required to furnish exact percentage of marks and indicate the conversion formula.
5. Applications of candidates who reside abroad will not be entertained.
6. Candidates who have already been abroad for study/specialization/training either on scholarship or on their own for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years as on **19th March, 2012 (5.30 PM)** after their return abroad.
7. Candidates who are employed must apply through their employers. No Objection Certificate from the employer must be produced on or before the time of interview failing which they will not be allowed for interview.

8. The candidates should have sufficient knowledge of the geographical situation and cultural heritage of India and Belgium.
9. Final Selection rests with the Belgium Government.
10. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final. No representation will be entertained in this regard.
11. Candidate can apply for only one subject.
12. Candidates who do not possess the requisite qualifications need not apply.
13. No canvassing in any form will be entertained.

FORMAT

ANNEXURE-I

Affix Passport
size Photo and
Signature
across

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme : Belgium Government Scholarship,
2012-2013
2. Subject/Category/Course :
3. Name of Candidate :
(in block letters)
4. Full Mailing address with Tele./Fax No.
 - a) Present Address :

 - b) Permanent Address :
5. Nationality :
6. Father's Name :
7. Date of birth, age in years and months,
State to which the candidate belongs :
8. Academic record starting from High School/Higher Secondary :-

Name of the University/Board/Institutions	Examinations Passed	Year of Passing	Division/Class with position, if any	%age of Marks/ equivalent of Grade
1	2	3	4	5

Note : Where no Division/Class is awarded and only grading is done, the conversion formula adopted may be given.

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9. Details of Professional/Practical training and Research Experience specifying the period. Number of Papers published. : Year
From To
10. Previous employment with name of the Employer and period of employment, if any. :
11. Nature of the present employment with date of appointment, designation and the name and address of the employers. :
12. Have you been abroad ? if so, give full particulars of the country and the period. Also, mention the year and month of return to India. :
13. Proposed Programme of Study/Research/ Training, specifying. :
- i) The work presently engaged in :
- ii) Nature and Programme of Study/ Research desired, :
- iii) Future plans/prospects after the proposed studies/research and :
- i) How are these related to the technical or economical development of India. :

(Signature of the candidate)

Place :

Date :

UNERTAKING

(a) I hereby, undertake to bear the cost of international and local travel in Belgium on my own if selected for Scholarship offered by the Government of _____.

Signature of the Candidate

Date :

(b) In the event of selection of _____ for Scholarship against the offer of scholarship by the Government of _____ the cost of international travel (both ways) and local travel in Belgium will be borne by _____.

(Name of the sponsor)

Signature of the sponsor

Date :

(c) I hereby, undertake that in the event of my selection, I will avail of the scholarships and will not withdraw from the same at any stage.

Signature of the candidate

Date :

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)