



Master of Science (MSc) in Social Protection Financing

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2017/2018 INTAKE

Setting up of the UoM Trust

The UOM Trust was set up by the Council of the University of Mauritius. The UOM Trust is duly registered by the Tertiary Education Commission as an institution delivering Post Secondary Education in Mauritius.

Objects of the UOM Trust

The Trust has been set up to fulfil the following objects:

- i. Generate funds that would be used for specific projects at the University of Mauritius or any institution set up by the University or any entity fitting the purpose of the advancement of education, research and development, and the promotion of innovation;
- ii. Set up any centre, institution, unit or such entities to carry out such other programmes and activities as a source of superior knowledge and expertise;
- iii. Offer programmes of studies and courses, comprising the running of courses, conduct of seminars, workshops, and executive development programmes and other related activities, which shall aim at promoting the advancement of education.

Programmes on Offer

The programmes on offer cover areas in Management, Banking, Financial Management, Information Technology and Social Protection Financing. The awarding body for these programmes is the **University of Mauritius**.

- **Masters in Social Protection Financing Programme.**

The UOM TRUST is offering a **Master of Science (MSc) in Social Protection Financing**. This **intensive one-year degree programme** began in 2010 and is designed to provide students with the required economic and business management tools to contribute to the organisation and evolution of social welfare programmes, but equally importantly opens up

space for students to broaden these skills by learning *inter alia* about populations prone to poverty and destitution, how to target those populations successfully, distinguishing chronic from transient needs, differentiating coverage and impacts by gender, and exploring innovative methods of social transfer delivery to beneficiaries.

During the last 6 years, officers from the following countries have been trained in Social Protection Financing:

Zambia, Lesotho, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda, Cameroon, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Gambia, Nigeria, Swaziland, Botswana, Eritrea, Congo, Liberia and Mauritius.

The International Labour Office launched the Quatrain Africa Project in Africa whose overarching objective is to strengthen the financial governance of social protection schemes in Africa. One of the main projects of the ILO under the aegis of Quatrain Africa is the establishment of an Executive Masters of Science in Social Protection Financing programme. The International Labour Office has provided fellowships to 38 students for the Academic Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

The first cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2010 at the UOM Trust. 32 students coming from Zambia, Burundi, Lesotho, Cameroon, Sierra Leone and Mauritius were registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2010/2011. The International Labour Office has provided fellowships to 29 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries.

The second cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2011 at the UOM Trust. 12 students coming from Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Ethiopia were registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2011/2012. The International Labour Office has provided fellowships to 9 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries.

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a Canadian Crown corporation established by an act of Parliament in 1970 to help developing countries find solutions to their problems. It encourages and supports researchers and innovators in those countries to find practical, long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems their societies face. The goal is to find ways to reduce poverty, improve health, support innovation, and safeguard the environment.

For the Academic Years 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, the **IDRC** (<http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Pages/default.aspx>) has provided fellowships to 61 eligible

candidates from sub Saharan African countries on the Masters Programme in Social Protection Financing.

The third cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2012 at the UOM Trust. 22 students coming from Iran, Botswana, Rwanda, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Ethiopia, Malawi and Mauritius were registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2012/2013. The International Development Research Centre, Canada has provided fellowships to 11 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries and 3 eligible candidates from Mauritius.

The fourth cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2013 at the UOM Trust. 23 students coming from Rwanda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Zambia, Nigeria, Uganda, Congo, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, and Mauritius were registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2013/2014. The International Development Research Centre, Canada has provided fellowships to 17 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries and 2 eligible candidates from Mauritius.

The fifth cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2014 at the UOM Trust. 17 students coming from Ghana, Botswana, Rwanda, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Benin, Lesotho, Tanzania, Uganda and Mauritius were registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2014/2015. The International Development Research Centre, Canada has provided fellowships to 10 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries and 3 eligible candidates from Mauritius.

The sixth cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2015 at the UOM Trust. There are 22 students coming from Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, The Gambia, Lesotho, Tanzania and Ethiopia registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2015/2016. The International Development Research Centre, Canada has provided fellowships to 18 eligible candidates from the sub Saharan African countries.

The seventh cohort of the Masters in Social Protection Financing programme started in 2016 at the UOM Trust. There are 7 students coming from Zambia, the Gambia, Uganda and Mauritius registered on the programme for the Academic Year 2016/2017.

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A maximum of **30** students will be accepted for the Masters Programme. Priority for admission will be given to serving officials from African social security institutions and ministries (managers, actuaries, financial and policy analysts), and from organisations representing African workers and employers. Applicants from other parts of the world and with other professional and institutional backgrounds may also be considered.

The Masters Programme will be offered in **English**. The tuition fee will be **USD 10,000**. For the session beginning in **August 2017**, the deadline for submitting applications is **01 May 2017**.

A committee consisting of representatives of the University of Mauritius and UOM TRUST will screen and rank eligible applicants based on rules and regulations set out by the University of Mauritius as per Section 7 - *Selection of Postgraduate Applicants on Taught Programmes* ([http://www.uom.ac.mu/ABOUTUS/QA/Recruitment_and_Admission/Selection_Postgraduate Applicants.pdf](http://www.uom.ac.mu/ABOUTUS/QA/Recruitment_and_Admission/Selection_Postgraduate_Applicants.pdf)). Marks will therefore be awarded for relevant educational qualifications and relevant work experience. Additional consideration will also be given to the motivation and commitment of the applicant as expressed in his/her letter of motivation attached to the annexed application form.

For more information on the Masters Programme, including how to apply, please see:

<http://www.uomtrust.ac.mu/>

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