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MEMORANDUM

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FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries
All Assistant Secretaries
All Service Directors
All Bureau Directors
All Regional Executive Directors
All Heads of Attached Agencies

FROM : The Undersecretary
Legal, Administration, Human Resources and
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : INVITATION INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY (ISA) -
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACTOR
TRAINING PROGRAMME

This refers to the letter dated 17 May 2021 of Assistant Secretary Maria Angela A. Ponce, Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office-Department of Foreign Affairs, inviting Secretary Roy A. Cimatu to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) - Call for applications under the Contractor Training Programme. The scholarship aims to support postgraduate and undergraduate studies at the University of South Pacific (USP) in Fiji and at-sea engineering training opportunities with Nauru Ocean Resources Inc (NORI).

The three (3) scholarships offered at the USP with a starting date on January 2022:

- One (1) scholarship for Master's Degree in Marine Management, Biology, Environmental Science, Marine Science, Earth Sciences and Geosciences. The Master's Degree program takes 12-18 months to complete.
- Two (2) scholarships for an undergraduate degree in Marine Science, Geology or Engineering. One slot will be reserved for a female applicant. The undergraduate program takes three (3) years to complete.

The NORI Scholarship will cover the direct costs required to complete the program including tuition, accommodations, roundtrip economy class airfare and living allowance.

Nominees are required to:

1. Be from a developing State ;
2. Hold an existing relevant undergraduate degree and meet USP Master's Programme entry requirements;

3. Be able to speak and write in English proficiently;
4. Hold or be able to secure a passport;
5. Maintain good academic standing throughout the scholarship;

The NORI is also offering two (2) at-sea engineering training opportunities to candidates with an engineering degree from an accredited educational institution and interest in marine engineering and the seafloor minerals industry:

- The first opportunity will mobilize in Europe for Atlantic testing in late December 2021 and the campaign will take place from January-February 2022
- The second opportunity will mobilize in Mexico for the Pacific testing in June 2022 and the campaign will take place from June-August 2022

The NORI will cover return economy fare and accommodations and insurance, offshore survival training and medical, personal protective equipment, VISA costs, COVID-19 testing any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the candidate in relation to the training programme.

Training nominees are required to:

1. Possess at a minimum an engineering bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution;
2. Demonstrate interest in marine engineering, the seafloor minerals industry and ocean sustainability;
3. Demonstrate the ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team in an offshore environment
4. Demonstrate a sound knowledge of spoken and written English;
5. Secure a VISA to the European Union (supporting documents will be provided by NORI)
6. Complete an offshore fitness certification process and survival training (STCW code);
7. Agree to abide by and follow COVID-19 safety protocols

The nominees for the scholarships shall submit the following requirements to Career Development Division-HRDS **on or before 28 June 2021**, while for the training nominees, all submissions should be **on or before 11 June 2021** :

1. Memorandum addressed to the Chair of the Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC), attention HRDC Secretariat to be endorsed by Head of Office and with justification on how the travel complies with the minimum criteria for travel pursuant to EO 77 and other DENR requirements. Division Chief and above applicants/nominees must be concurred by Supervising Undersecretary/Assistant Secretary;
2. Board Resolution from HRDC Counterpart recommending the nomination of the applicant;
3. Service Record;
4. Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case;
5. Certification from the Director supervising human resources/Assistant Regional Director for Management Service/Assistant Director (Region/Bureau/Attached Agency) stating that the applicant:
 - a. has No Pending Scholarship Nomination;
 - b. has not been a delinquent scholar from a previous scholarship grant; and

- c. has submitted all the required reports from previous foreign travels.
6. Updated Personal Data Sheet, with work experience sheet, duly signed by authorized person administering oath;
7. Self-Certification of official Travel History;
8. Have rendered and completed the service obligation required under the previous scholarship; and
9. Sign Service Obligation Contract (foreign study trip).

The DENR Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) shall screen and select qualified candidates to the program/s. Selected candidates will be notified and endorsed to the ISA and are to complete the necessary online application requirements of the ISA.

(<https://isa.org.jm/training/contractor-training/nauru-ocean-resources>)

Should you need further information about the requirements, please communicate with the HRDC Secretariat at (02) 8927-9107 and email at hrdc2020@gmail.com.

For your information and appropriate action.


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