

# **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR APPLICATION**

## **MSc Blockchain Technologies and Business Applications**

### **ENROLMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR APRIL 2024**

**Note that this notice applies only for the MSc Blockchain Technologies and Business Applications.**

#### **1. OVERALL ELIGIBILITY**

1. Only employees of enterprises contributing to the training levy can apply for this course.
2. Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES) and MSc AI dropouts or those who have already benefited from a GTES Masters course or MSc AI fully funded programme are not eligible.
3. Participating enterprises should be employing at least five full-time employees.
4. A maximum of four employees per enterprise will be selected.
5. Holders of occupation permits, and work permits are not eligible. Only holders of residence permits can participate.
6. There should be a dual commitment from the employer and prospective student through a joint application of Employer/Employee to demonstrate that the enterprise has a current/prospective project on Blockchain-enabled system.
7. The application form (<https://tinyurl.com/HRDC-Form>) should be filled jointly and co-signed by enterprise and applicant

8. The University will conduct an interview for selection of candidates

## **2. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (UTM Admission to Master's Programmes)**

The specific entry requirement for the MSc Blockchain Technologies and Business Applications is as follows:

Applicants should have a degree in a **Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics** field or equivalent with **significant programming knowledge**, acceptable to the University of Technology, Mauritius.

The degree mentioned above will need to meet minimum entry requirement for a Master's programme at UTM, which is:

(i) an Honours degree from a recognized University

or

(ii) an approved professional qualification recognised as being equivalent to an honours degree by the Academic Council.

or

(iii) an Ordinary Degree or a non-honours degree from a recognized University with at least 3 years of work experience in the relevant field which demonstrate that a candidate possesses appropriate knowledge and skills at a standard acceptable by the Academic Council.

In addition, students not meeting the above requirements can apply for the Masters Programme under the Assessing Prior Learning (APL) scheme. The APL scheme caters for applicants having qualifications other than the 'General Entry Requirements' and 'Programme Entry Requirements' for the programme applied. In this case, a Diploma from a recognized institution pitched at Level 6 of National Qualifications Framework (NQF) of the MQA with at least 6 years of relevant work experience. For students falling into this category, note that an APL Committee will assess the documentations and written statements submitted by the applicants and, if necessary, will interview the applicants. It will send its recommendations concerning the applicants to the Chairman of the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Download and print the UTM Application form and the HRDC Form at <https://tinyurl.com/UTMBlockchain2024> and <https://tinyurl.com/HRDC-Form> respectively.

Duly fill both documents, annex all requested documents (including UTM Form and HRDC Form) along with copies of all supporting documents and submit either:

1. Via postal mail addressed to the Student Affairs Office, University of Technology, Mauritius, La Tour Koenig, Pointe aux Sables, 11134, or
2. In person at the Student Affairs Office (Room B1.01) at the seat of UTM.

**Deadline to submit application is Monday, 05 February 2024 at 23:59**

Copies of the following documents should be submitted along with the duly **filled application**:

- Birth certificate
- National Identity Card
- School Certificate results
- Higher School Certificate results or Equivalent Qualifications awarded by other recognized institutions and approved by Academic Council as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.
- Undergraduate Degree
- Diploma (if relevant for those submitting an application under APL, see section 2)
- Application fee receipt

**Important Note: Payment of non-refundable Application Fee should be made prior to the submission of the application.**

Applicants should effect payment of a **Non-Refundable Application Fee** of **Rs1,000** via **MyT Money** or at any **SBM branch Bank Account No: 61031200000193** on prescribed form (Cash Deposit Voucher Form) downloadable from UTM's website on the link:

[https://www.utm.ac.mu/utm/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Cash\\_Deposit\\_Voucher\\_Form.pdf](https://www.utm.ac.mu/utm/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Cash_Deposit_Voucher_Form.pdf)

Cash deposit filled-in information - Deposited by: Full name of applicant

- You will be notified of any missing document or any additional documents required by the selection committee of the university.
- However, failure to submit any of the above-mentioned document/s will result in delay in processing of your application.

#### **4. OFFER OF SEAT**

After successfully assessing application eligibility and completing the interview process, candidates will receive notification of their selection via email. Applicants are responsible for regularly checking their emails for updates. It is also advisable to check your email's junk or spam folder.

#### **5. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER OF SEAT/REGISTRATION (TO CALL IN PERSON)**

Following the offer of seat, you will be requested to call in person for verification of original documents submitted with your Application.

The University reserves the right to terminate registration of a student if the latter does not submit original educational certificates at the time of registration.

#### **5. INDUCTION/START OF SEMESTER**

The semester will start in April 2024. The exact dates for the Induction and the Start of Semester will be communicated in due course and will be made available on the UTM's website ([www.utm.ac.mu](http://www.utm.ac.mu)).

#### **6. QUICK CHECKLIST FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANT**

##### **A. Verify your eligibility**

1. GTES masters course dropouts and beneficiaries are not eligible
2. MSc AI dropouts and beneficiaries are not eligible
3. Verify that you meet the minimum academic requirements set out in section 2.

##### **B. Verify the eligibility of your enterprise**

4. Verify if your employer is eligible to participate in the course
  - your employer contributes to training levy
  - your employer employs at least 5 full-time employees

- collate administrative information on your enterprise
  - Copy of certificate of incorporation of participating enterprise
  - Copy of BRC of participating enterprise
  - Copy of the latest Contribution Sociale Généralisée (CSG) return
- 5. Seek approval from your employer: *There should be a dual commitment from the employer and prospective student to demonstrate that the enterprise has a current/prospective project on Blockchain-enabled system.*
- 6. For non-Mauritian applicants, please note that only holders of a residence permit can participate. Holders of occupation permits, and work permits are not eligible.
- 7. Prepare a short motivation for applying for the course
- 8. Ensure that you have a Blockchain project:
  - Does your enterprise have a current/ prospective project on blockchain-enabled system?
  - More details about the project

### **C. Fill and submit the UTM Application form and the HRDC Form**

9. Fill the UTM form and the HRDC Form. Note that the latter should be filled jointly and co-signed by your employer and applicant
10. Make a payment of Rs1000 as a non-refundable application fee to UTM
11. Ensure you submit copies of your qualifications

## **7. CONTACT DETAILS**

For more information regarding UTM registration, contact Student Affairs at [admissions@utm.ac.mu](mailto:admissions@utm.ac.mu) or [sao@utm.ac.mu](mailto:sao@utm.ac.mu) or call 207 5250.

For more information regarding the HRDC form, contact [rsubramanian@hrdc.intnet.mu](mailto:rsubramanian@hrdc.intnet.mu) or call 454 4030.

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