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Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development
(Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: AARDO-IIT Madras-Scholarship for Master of Science (MS) by Research in Chennai, India, January 2025-December 2026

The undersigned is directed to inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India, is sponsoring scholarships for subject-titled Master's Degree Programme (two years or four semesters) in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, Chennai, India. The master's programme is a research-intensive programme, which emphasizes on the use of logical, analytical, experimental and intuitive thinking skills, and targets young officers/students inclined towards research careers, R&D, design and conceptualization. The session will commence from January 2025, and can be completed in four semesters/two years.

2. Following is the detail of the scholarship inclusions as well as exclusions:

Sr. No.	Scholarship Inclusions (covered jointly by AARDO & IITM)	Scholarship Exclusions (to be covered by candidates' Nominating Agencies)
1.	One-time admission fee	Passport, visa fee, vaccination, airport taxes etc.
2.	International student tuition fee	Travel, Health Insurance Premium and Medical Expenses
3.	Monthly living allowance equivalent to the stipend given to domestic students.	Telephone calls, laundry
4.	Return Air Ticket by economy class (from capital city, i.e., Islamabad)	Extra baggage allowances (above that provided by the Airline)
5.	--	Any other expense after the event.

3. **Eligibility Criteria:**

The candidates must:

- Be Government Officers (BPS-17 or above) of Ministries / Divisions / Attached Departments, Provincial Governments or Public-Sector Universities;
- Have bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology/ from a recognized institute or university for a minimum of four years' duration or M.Sc. Degree in appropriate Sciences or a relevant discipline from a recognized Institute or University for a minimum 3+ 2 years duration;
- Have a minimum CGPA of 7.0/10.0 or its equivalent/first class;
- Have proficiency in spoken and written English as the medium of instructions would be English only; and,
- Be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo scholarship programme.

4. The last date to submit online application and admission forms through the website link: <https://admissions.ge.iitm.ac.in/aardo-application-form> is November 15, 2024. The printed copy of the submitted application form, official nomination form and copy of valid passport may please be forwarded to Director General, NCRD, latest by **November 18, 2024**. Advance

scanned copies of the afore-mentioned documents may please be emailed at: ro2@ncrd.gov.pk and ahkncrd@gmail.com. The nominations may also be faxed at 051-9255157.

5. Only those nominations would be considered which are routed through proper channel to NCRD as per given details:

- Federal Government employees through their concerned Ministries;
- Provincial Government employees through their relevant Planning & Development Departments.

6. Incomplete/late nomination(s) will not be entertained. Nomination(s) directly sent to AARDO bypassing NCRD will **NOT** be entertained.

7. After scrutiny and approval of nomination(s) by the competent forum, the selected nominee(s) will be informed accordingly. Likewise, other necessary details will also be shared later on. In case of any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned (focal person).

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CC.

- Joint Secretary (Training), Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- Assistant Director (T-II), NCRD, with the request to upload this OM on the NCRD website.