Government of Pakistan FINANCE DIVISION (Quality Assurance – I Section)

CIRCULAR

Subject: - AARDO IIT MADRAS-SCHOLARSHIP FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) BY RESEARCH IN CHENNAI, INDIA-STARTING JANUARY, 2023

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD) vide its letter No. 1(14)/2015-16/IL.Trg dated 5th October, 2022 has inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization(AARDO), New Delhi, India, is sponsoring scholarships for subject-titled **Master of Science (MS)** by Research programme (two years or four semesters) at Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Chennai, India.

2. The degree programme can be completed within two years, four semesters. The degree programme is covered under the fellowship to be provided by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Chennai, India. While the admission and tuition fee and monthly living allowances for 24 months would be covered under the fellowship of the University, AARDO would meet the cost of one-time two-way air tickets of the selected candidate(s) to travel to India and back to their home country (Pakistan).

Eligibility Criteria:-

The candidate must:

- Be a Government Officer (BPS-17 or above) of Ministries/Division/ Attached Divisions, Provincial Governments and Public-Sector Universities.
- Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/ Technology from a recognized Institute or University for a Minimum of four years duration or MSc. Degree in appropriate Sciences or a relevant discipline from a recognized Institute or University for a minimum 3+2 years duration.
- Have proficiency in and working knowledge of spoken and written English language.
- The applicants should have a minimum CGPA of 7.0/10.0 or its equivalent / first class.
- For candidates whose medium of instruction for their qualifying degree was not English, proof of proficiency in English (IELTS with a minimum score of overall 6.5 or TOEFL score of overall 80) dated no earlier than September 15, 2019, will have to be provided.
- 2. All Officers of Finance Division, who fulfilling the eligibility criteria are required to submit online application and admission forms through the website of the institute (IITM AARDO Admission Link), emailed at ro2@ncrd.gov.pk and ahkncrd@gmail.com duly recommended by the head of respective Wing alongwith FTC Proforma & a copy of CNIC to QA-I Section latest by 14.11.2022.

Note:- "In addition to the eligibility criteria specified for a training, all officers who are working on contract basis/fixed pay package or having less than two years continuous government service or less than three months of service in Finance Division or against whom disciplinary proceedings/inquiry is in progress or on probation period, may need not to apply"

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All Officers (BPS-17 & above) of Finance Divisions, Islamabad Finance Division's U.O No.F.3 (9) QA-I/2014 dated 10.11.2022

• Webmaster, Finance Division, with the request to upload the circular on Finance Division's