

MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Overview

The Ministry is responsible for the development of higher education, science and research. The Ministry aims to make Mauritius a preferred destination for international students and academic partnerships.

Key Challenges	Strategies
Inadequate applied research	Build partnerships with industries, Government agencies and academia to align research with commercial and industrial needs
Mismatch between higher education programmes and labour market demands	Regular review of programmes to align with market needs
Low enrolment of foreign students in Mauritius	Attract prominent universities to set up campuses in Mauritius
	Provide facilities to foreign students
High dependence on government funding and efficiency of Higher Education Sector	Introduce alternative funding mechanisms
	Enhance operational setup of public higher education institutions

Programme Outcomes

Programmes	Outcomes	Indicators	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target	2027/28 Target	2029/30 Target
2001: Policy and Strategy for Tertiary Education, Science and Research	Efficient and responsive tertiary education system, science and research framework	Gross Tertiary Enrolment Ratio	49%	50%	50%	51%
2002: Higher Education	A high-quality, inclusive and globally competitive Higher Education Sector	Graduate employment rate within 6 months	16%	20%	35%	45%
2003: Science and Research	Mauritius is recognised as a regional scientific and innovation hub, contributing to economic diversification and resilience	Global Innovation Index (Ranking)*	55	52	48	45
2004: Pathways to Higher Education	Increased accessibility to higher education	Percentage of TVET** students enrolling in higher education	-	10%	12%	15%

*Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization and currently ranks 133 economies.

**Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

Financial Resources

Summary by Programmes

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Programmes	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
2001: Policy and Strategy for Tertiary Education, Science and Research	19,840	72,000	60,000	60,000
2002: Higher Education	1,799,500	1,964,000	2,003,000	2,035,000
2003: Science and Research	202,360	211,000	209,000	210,000
2004: Pathways to Higher Education	55,300	63,000	64,000	66,000
TOTAL	2,077,000	2,310,000	2,336,000	2,371,000

Summary by Economic Categories

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Code	Economic Categories	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		1,890,500	2,122,000	2,153,000	2,190,000
20	National Assembly Allowances	-	2,400	2,400	2,400
21	Compensation of Employees	15,440	33,100	35,500	36,400
22	Goods and Services	6,300	34,200	20,800	20,900
26	Grants	1,868,660	2,022,200	2,064,200	2,100,200
28	Other Expense	100	30,100	30,100	30,100
Capital Expenditure		186,500	188,000	183,000	181,000
26	Grants	185,300	181,000	177,000	176,000
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	1,200	7,000	6,000	5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,077,000	2,310,000	2,336,000	2,371,000

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Programme 2001: Policy and Strategy for Tertiary Education, Science and Research

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Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	19,840	72,000	60,000	60,000
Recurrent Expenditure	18,640	65,000	54,000	55,000
Capital Expenditure	1,200	7,000	6,000	5,000

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary

Outcome: Efficient and responsive tertiary education system, science and research framework

Main Service/Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
Develop policies and strategies for Tertiary Education, Science and Research <i>Office of the Permanent Secretary</i>	Higher Education Strategy finalised		May-26		

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Item No.	Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		18,640	65,000	54,000	55,000
20	National Assembly Allowances	-	2,400	2,400	2,400
20100	Annual Allowance				
(i)	Minister	-	2,400	2,400	2,400
21	Compensation of Employees	15,440	33,100	35,500	36,400
21110	Personal Emoluments	14,115	29,690	31,880	32,550
	<i>of which</i>				
.001	Basic Salary	10,756	19,050	20,500	20,800
.002	Salary Compensation	1,183	1,800	2,000	2,100
.004	Allowances	800	2,000	2,000	2,000
.005	Extra Assistance	-	3,140	3,150	3,150
.006	Cash in lieu of leave	400	1,000	1,200	1,300
.009	End-of-year Bonus	976	1,900	2,130	2,300
21111	Other Staff Costs	1,200	2,950	3,100	3,324
.002	Travelling and Transport	1,200	2,650	2,800	3,024
.100	Overtime	-	200	200	200
.200	Staff Welfare	-	100	100	100
21210	Social Contributions	125	460	520	526
.001	Contribution to the National Savings Fund	125	460	520	526

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Item No.	Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
22	Goods and Services	3,100	29,400	16,000	16,100
22010	Cost of Utilities	-	1,800	1,800	1,900
22020	Fuel and Oil	-	350	350	350
22030	Rent	-	9,500	9,500	9,500
22040	Office Equipment and Furniture	-	1,600	450	450
22050	Office Expenses	-	500	300	300
22060	Maintenance	-	600	600	600
22070	Cleaning Services	-	250	250	250
22100	Publications and Stationery	-	700	700	700
22120	Fees	400	1,100	1,100	1,100
22130	Studies and Surveys	2,000	12,000	-	-
.001	Studies and Preliminary Project Preparation - <i>National Higher Education Strategy</i>	2,000	12,000	-	-
22900	Other Goods and Services	700	1,000	950	950
28	Other Expense	100	100	100	100
28211	Transfers to Non Profit Institutions	100	100	100	100
.071	Higher Education Advisory Council	100	100	100	100
Capital Expenditure		1,200	7,000	6,000	5,000
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	1,200	7,000	6,000	5,000
31122	Other Machinery and Equipment	100	4,000	3,500	2,500
.802	Acquisition of IT Equipment	100	1,000	1,000	1,000
.999	Acquisition of Other Machinery and Equipment	-	3,000	2,500	1,500
31132	Intangible Fixed Assets	1,100	1,500	1,500	1,500
.801	Acquisition of Software	1,100	1,500	1,500	1,500
31133	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	-	1,500	1,000	1,000
TOTAL		19,840	72,000	60,000	60,000

Human Resources

SN	Position Titles	Funded	
		2024/25	2025/26
1	Minister	-	1
2	Permanent Secretary	1	1
3	Deputy Permanent Secretary	1	1
4	Assistant Permanent Secretary	2	2
5	Director (Tertiary)	1	1
6	Assistant Director (Tertiary)	1	1
7	Administrator (Tertiary)	1	1
8	Project Officer	-	-
9	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	-	1
10	Principal Financial Operations Officer	-	1
11	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	-	1
12	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	-	1
13	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	-	1
14	Human Resource Executive	-	1
15	Office Management Executive	2	2
16	Office Management Assistant	4	4
17	Office Supervisor	-	1
18	Management Support Officer	5	10
19	Confidential Secretary	4	4
20	Word Processing Operator	2	2
21	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	1	1
22	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	3	3
23	Driver	1	2
24	General Worker	-	2
TOTAL		29	45

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Programme 2002: Higher Education

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Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	1,799,500	1,964,000	2,003,000	2,035,000
Recurrent Expenditure	1,719,200	1,883,500	1,923,200	1,955,200
Capital Expenditure	80,300	80,500	79,800	79,800

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary

Outcome: A high-quality, inclusive and globally competitive Higher Education Sector

Main Service/Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
Provide quality higher education <i>All Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)</i>	Percentage increase in number of international students	6%	10%	15%	20%
	Percentage increase in enrolment in STEM programmes	26%	28%	30%	35%

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Item No.	Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		1,719,200	1,883,500	1,923,200	1,955,200
22	Goods and Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
22900	Other Goods and Services				
.976	Expenses icw Higher Education Desk	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
26	Grants	1,718,200	1,852,500	1,892,200	1,924,200
26313	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.150	Higher Education Commission	1,691,200	1,820,600	1,859,200	1,890,000
	(a) Higher Education Commission (HEC)	490,000	580,400	592,300	598,220
	i. HEC (Operation Grant)	110,000	116,950	120,100	122,000
	of which				
	Subscription to central online library	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
	ii. Recruitment of foreign lecturers	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	iii. SSR Chair in African Studies	1,000	2,450	2,500	2,500
	iv. Africa Scholarships	28,000	-	-	- f(1)
	v. Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES)	350,000	460,000	468,700	472,720 f(2)

f(1): Provision now made under item 28212052 of this programme

f(2): An additional amount of Rs 100 million earmarked under Lotto Fund to part finance the Scheme.

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	(b) University of Mauritius	833,000	859,800	878,100	895,000
	(c) University of Technology, Mauritius	77,000	84,000	86,200	88,100
	(d) Université des Mascareignes	145,000	150,000	153,100	156,100
	of which				
	Scholarship (Robotics and Artificial Intelligence)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	(e) Mahatma Gandhi Institute (Tertiary)	135,000	135,000	138,000	141,000
	(f) Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary)	2,200	2,400	2,500	2,580
	(g) Open University of Mauritius	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
.151	Quality Assurance Authority	27,000	31,900	33,000	34,200
28	Other Expense	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
28212	Transfer to Households				
.052	Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme	-	30,000	30,000	30,000 <i>f(1)</i>
Capital Expenditure		80,300	80,500	79,800	79,800
26	Grants	80,300	80,500	79,800	79,800
26323	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.150	Higher Education Commission	78,300	59,500	58,800	58,800
	(a) University of Mauritius	30,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	(b) University of Technology, Mauritius	9,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
	i. Renovation of ex-MITD Building	2,000	-	-	-
	ii. Capital Grant	7,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	iii. Biotechnology Lab Equipment	-	18,000	18,000	18,000 <i>f(2)</i>
	(c) Université des Mascareignes	3,800	3,100	3,000	3,000
	(d) Mahatma Gandhi Institute (Tertiary)	5,000	3,100	3,000	3,000
	(e) Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary)	1,000	500	500	500
	(f) Open University of Mauritius	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	(g) Higher Education Commission	26,500	800	300	300
.151	Quality Assurance Authority	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
.174	Infrastructure Funding for Higher Education Institutions	-	20,000	20,000	20,000 <i>f(3)</i>
TOTAL		1,799,500	1,964,000	2,003,000	2,035,000

f(1): Provision previously made under item 26313150: Higher Education Commission

f(2): Previously financed under the National Resilience Fund (NRF)

f(3): Provision previously made under item 26323150: Higher Education Commission

Programme 2003: Science and Research

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Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	202,360	211,000	209,000	210,000
Recurrent Expenditure	117,360	130,500	131,800	133,800
Capital Expenditure	85,000	80,500	77,200	76,200

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary
Outcome: Mauritius is recognised as a regional scientific and innovation hub, contributing to economic diversification and resilience

Main Service/Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
Promote and coordinate applied research and innovation <i>Mauritius Research and Innovation Council</i>	Number of projects with commercial potential approved	7	15	20	30
	Number of start-ups /incubatees supported	37	90	100	100

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Recurrent Expenditure		117,360	130,500	131,800	133,800
22	Goods and Services	1,900	2,800	2,800	2,800
22120	Fees	100	100	100	100
22130	Studies and Surveys	500	700	700	700
22900	Other Goods and Services	1,300	2,000	2,000	2,000
.903	Awareness Campaign	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
.922	Conferences/Seminars/Workshops	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
26	Grants	115,460	127,700	129,000	131,000
26210	Contribution to International Organisations				
.037	Non-Aligned Movement for Science and Technology (NAM S&T) Centre	460	920	920	920
.071	Commonwealth of Learning	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500

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Item No.	Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
26313	Extra Budgetary Units				
.077	Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre	33,000	38,000	39,200	40,000
.150	Higher Education Commission	22,000	20,000	18,180	18,280
	<i>(a) Research Fund</i>	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	<i>(b) UOM- Regional Biotechnology Experimental Platform for the Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research (CBBR)</i>	7,000	5,000	3,180	3,280
.042	Mauritius Research and Innovation Council	56,500	65,280	67,200	68,300
	<i>o/w Gender-Based Violence Observatory (GBVO)</i>	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Capital Expenditure		85,000	80,500	77,200	76,200
26	Grants	85,000	80,500	77,200	76,200
26323	Extra Budgetary Units				
.077	Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre	11,500	8,000	4,700	4,200
	<i>(a) Acquisition of Exhibits & Equipment</i>	2,500	2,000	2,000	1,500
	<i>(b) Upgrading of Electrical Network</i>	6,000	3,000	-	-
	<i>(c) Repairs and Upgrading Works</i>	3,000	3,000	2,700	2,700
.042	Mauritius Research and Innovation Council	73,500	72,500	72,500	72,000
	<i>(a) Acquisition of Computers and Softwares</i>	3,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
	<i>(b) Research and Innovation Projects</i>	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
TOTAL		202,360	211,000	209,000	210,000

f(1): Previously financed under the National Resilience Fund (NRF)

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Programme 2004: Pathways to Higher Education

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Details	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Planned	2027/28 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	55,300	63,000	64,000	66,000
Recurrent Expenditure	35,300	43,000	44,000	46,000
Capital Expenditure	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary

Outcome: Increased accessibility to higher education

Main Service/Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
Enhance and expand technology education <i>Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd</i>	Employment rate of graduates (excluding those pursuing further education) within 6 months after completion of studies	78%	95%	97%	99%
Implementation of National Credit Value and Transfer System (NCVTS) <i>Higher Education Commission</i>	Number of HEIs implementing the NCVTS	-	2	3	4

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Recurrent Expenditure		35,300	43,000	44,000	46,000
22	Goods and Services	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
22120	Fees				
.024	Capacity Building Programme - <i>Statut National Etudiant Entrepreneur</i>	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
26	Grants	35,000	42,000	43,000	45,000
26313	Extra Budgetary Units				
.143	Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	35,000	42,000	43,000	45,000
Capital Expenditure		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
26	Grants	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
26323	Extra Budgetary Units				
.143	Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL		55,300	63,000	64,000	66,000