

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 research to address national priorities	Forge structured tri-sector partnerships among government, industry and academia to anchor research investment in national priorities
Higher education programmes not fully relevant to labour market demands	Review of programmes to align them with market needs, by reviewing modules contents, encouraging industry-based capstone projects or micro-credentials (short, flexible and targeted courses that certify specific skills, knowledge or competencies)
Inadequate visibility of Mauritius internationally as a knowledge hub	Attract prominent universities to set up campuses in Mauritius and establish centres of excellence
	Launch the Study in Mauritius (SiM) initiative to attract international students
High dependence of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on government funding	Enhance operational efficiency across all public Higher Education Institutions
	Explore new revenue raising/financing avenues including increase in the enrolment of international students and fee paying courses

Programme Outcomes

Programmes	Outcomes	Indicators	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2028/29 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	50%	55%	57%	58%	59%
2002: Higher Education	A high-quality, inclusive and globally competitive Higher Education Sector	Increase in Graduate employment rate within 1 year	-	-	30%	35%	40%

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Programmes	Outcomes	Indicators	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2028/29 Target	2029/30 Target
2003: Science and Research	Mauritius recognised as a regional scientific and innovation hub	Global Innovation Index (Ranking)*	52	53	50	48	45
2004: Pathways to Higher Education	Increased accessibility to higher education	Percentage of public HEIs adopting the new Articulation Framework**	-	-	50%	75%	100%

*Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization and currently ranks 139 economies.

**Articulation Framework is designed to facilitate student mobility and progression through various educational pathways.

Financial Resources

Summary by Programmes

Programmes	Rs 000			
	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
2001: Policy and Strategy for Tertiary Education, Science and Research	72,000	83,000	87,600	84,700
2002: Higher Education	1,964,000	2,114,000	2,127,100	2,151,500
2003: Science and Research	211,000	182,000	140,800	142,300
2004: Pathways to Higher Education	63,000	66,000	66,500	67,500
TOTAL	2,310,000	2,445,000	2,422,000	2,446,000

Summary by Economic Categories

		Rs 000			
Code	Economic Categories	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		2,122,000	2,297,000	2,329,000	2,368,000
20	National Assembly Allowances	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
21	Compensation of Employees	33,100	42,800	49,100	50,200
22	Goods and Services	34,200	32,300	30,400	30,300
26	Grants	2,022,200	2,174,400	2,200,000	2,235,000
28	Other Expense	30,100	45,100	47,100	50,100
Capital Expenditure		188,000	148,000	93,000	78,000
26	Grants	181,000	138,000	84,500	73,500
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	7,000	10,000	8,500	4,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,310,000	2,445,000	2,422,000	2,446,000

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

Rs 000

Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	72,000	83,000	87,600	84,700
Recurrent Expenditure	65,000	73,000	79,100	80,200
Capital Expenditure	7,000	10,000	8,500	4,500

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary						
Outcome: Efficient and responsive tertiary education system, science and research framework						
Main Service/ Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Develop policies and strategies for Tertiary Education, Science and Research <i>Office of the Permanent Secretary</i>	Higher Education Strategy finalised	May-26	Mar-26			
	Implementation of Actions under 2025 - 2035 National Strategy for Higher Education, Science and Research (Cumulative Percentage)	-	-	13%	27%	45%

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Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		65,000	73,000	79,100	80,200
20	National Assembly Allowances	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
20100	Annual Allowance				
(i)	Minister	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
21	Compensation of Employees	33,100	42,800	49,100	50,200
21110	Personal Emoluments	29,690	38,200	44,029	45,054
	<i>of which</i>				
.001	Basic Salary	19,050	29,350	34,229	35,029
.004	Allowances	2,000	2,150	2,150	2,150
.005	Extra Assistance	3,140	3,150	3,150	3,150
.006	Cash in lieu of leave	1,000	1,400	1,450	1,500
.009	End-of-year Bonus	1,900	2,100	3,000	3,175
21111	Other Staff Costs	2,950	4,140	4,596	4,646
.002	Travelling and Transport	2,650	3,740	4,196	4,246
.100	Overtime	200	300	300	300
.200	Staff Welfare	100	100	100	100

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Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
21210	Social Contributions	460	460	475	500
.001	Contribution to the National Savings Fund	460	460	475	500
22	Goods and Services	29,400	27,700	27,500	27,500
22010	Cost of Utilities	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
22020	Fuel and Oil	350	350	350	350
22030	Rent	9,500	11,900	11,900	11,900
22040	Office Equipment and Furniture	1,600	1,000	800	800
22050	Office Expenses	500	750	750	750
22060	Maintenance	600	1,000	1,000	1,000
22070	Cleaning Services	250	250	250	250
22100	Publications and Stationery	700	700	700	700
22120	Fees	1,100	900	900	900
22130	Studies and Surveys	12,000	-	-	-
22900	Other Goods and Services	1,000	8,950	8,950	8,950
	<i>of which</i>				
.837	Expenses i.c.w. the National Initiative to Combat Drugs	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
.848	Expenses i.c.w. Internationalisation Initiatives in Higher Education	-	5,500	5,500	5,500
.955	Gender Mainstreaming	-	200	200	200
28	Other Expense	100	100	100	100
28211	Transfers to Non Profit Institutions				
.071	Higher Education Advisory Council	100	100	100	100
Capital Expenditure		7,000	10,000	8,500	4,500
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	7,000	10,000	8,500	4,500
31122	Other Machinery and Equipment				
.802	Acquisition of IT Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
.999	Acquisition of Other Machinery and Equipment	3,000	1,500	1,000	1,000
31132	Intangible Fixed Assets				
.801	Acquisition of Software	1,500	6,500	5,500	1,500
	<i>of which</i>				
	<i>Study in Mauritius Portal</i>	-	5,000	4,000	-
31133	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL		72,000	83,000	87,600	84,700

Human Resources

SN	Position Titles	Funded	
		2025/26	2026/27
1	Minister	1	1
2	Permanent Secretary	1	1
3	Deputy Permanent Secretary	1	1
4	Assistant Secretary, <i>formerly Assistant Permanent Secretary</i>	2	2
5	Director (Tertiary)	1	1
6	Assistant Director (Tertiary)	1	2
7	Administrator (Tertiary)	1	2
8	Project Officer	-	1
9	Manager, Financial Operations	-	1
10	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1	1
11	Principal Financial Operations Officer	1	1
12	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	1	1
13	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1	1
14	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	-	1
15	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1	1
16	Human Resource Executive	1	1
17	Office Management Executive	2	2
18	Office Management Assistant	4	4
19	Office Supervisor	1	1
20	Management Support Officer	10	10
21	Confidential Secretary	4	6
22	Word Processing Operator	2	2
23	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	1	1
24	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	3	4
25	Driver	2	2
26	General Worker	2	2
TOTAL		45	53

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Programme 2002: Higher Education

Rs 000

Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	1,964,000	2,114,000	2,127,100	2,151,500
Recurrent Expenditure	1,883,500	2,044,100	2,069,100	2,103,500
Capital Expenditure	80,500	69,900	58,000	48,000

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary

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

Main Service/Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Provide quality higher education <i>All Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)</i>	Percentage increase in number of international students (Baseline: 3,027 students in academic year 2024/25) (Cumulative)	10%	15%	20%	25%	50%
	Percentage increase in enrolment in STEM programmes (Baseline: 13,612 students in academic year 2024/25) (Cumulative)	28%	27%	28%	29%	30%

Rs 000

Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		1,883,500	2,044,100	2,069,100	2,103,500
22	Goods and Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
22900	Other Goods and Services				
.976	Expenses i.c.w. Higher Education Desk	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
26	Grants	1,852,500	1,998,100	2,021,100	2,052,500
26313	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.150	Higher Education Commission	1,820,600	1,964,100	1,986,100	2,016,500
	(a) Higher Education Commission (HEC)	580,400	609,800	610,300	617,700
	i. HEC (Operation Grant)	116,950	141,800	145,000	153,000
	of which				
	Subscription to central online library	20,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	ii. Recruitment of foreign lecturers	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	iii. SSR Chair in African Studies	2,450	2,700	2,700	2,700
	iv. National Microcredential Scheme	-	1,800	1,600	1,000
	v. Artificial Intelligence Governance Framework	-	2,500	-	-
	vi. Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES)	460,000	460,000	460,000	460,000

f(1): An additional amount of Rs 100 million earmarked under Lotto Fund to part finance the Scheme.

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	<i>(b) University of Mauritius</i>	859,800	930,000	945,000	960,000
	<i>(c) University of Technology, Mauritius</i>	84,000	105,600	107,000	109,000
	<i>(d) Université des Mascareignes</i>	150,000	167,000	170,000	172,900
	<i>of which</i>				
	<i>Scholarship (Robotics and Artificial Intelligence)</i>	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	<i>(e) Mahatma Gandhi Institute (Tertiary)</i>	135,000	140,000	142,000	145,000
	<i>(f) Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary)</i>	2,400	2,700	2,800	2,900
	<i>(g) Open University of Mauritius</i>	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
.151	Quality Assurance Authority	31,900	34,000	35,000	36,000
28	Other Expense	30,000	45,000	47,000	50,000
28212	Transfer to Households				
.052	Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme	30,000	45,000	47,000	50,000
Capital Expenditure		80,500	69,900	58,000	48,000
26	Grants	80,500	69,900	58,000	48,000
26323	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.150	Higher Education Commission	59,500	49,000	36,100	32,200
	<i>(a) University of Mauritius</i>	25,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
	<i>(b) University of Technology, Mauritius</i>	24,000	15,500	5,500	4,500
	<i>i. Capital Grant</i>	6,000	4,500	4,500	4,500
	<i>ii. Biotechnology Lab Equipment</i>	18,000	11,000	1,000	-
	<i>(c) Université des Mascareignes</i>	3,100	2,500	2,500	2,500
	<i>(d) Mahatma Gandhi Institute (Tertiary)</i>	3,100	2,300	2,200	2,200
	<i>(e) Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary)</i>	500	500	500	500
	<i>(f) Open University of Mauritius</i>	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	<i>(g) Higher Education Commission</i>	800	7,200	4,400	1,500
	<i>of which</i>				
	<i>i. Acquisition of Equipment</i>	500	500	500	500
	<i>ii. Computerised System for Free Tertiary Education</i>	300	300	-	-
	<i>iii. Data Lake Project</i>	-	5,000	3,300	1,000
	<i>iv. Centralised Repository of Microcredentials</i>	-	1,400	600	-
.151	Quality Assurance Authority	1,000	900	1,900	1,800
.174	Infrastructure Funding for Higher Education Institutions	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
.178	Green Campus Initiatives in Public Higher Education Institutions	-	10,000	10,000	4,000
TOTAL		1,964,000	2,114,000	2,127,100	2,151,500

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Programme 2003: Science and Research

Rs 000

Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	211,000	182,000	140,800	142,300
Recurrent Expenditure	130,500	133,900	134,300	136,800
Capital Expenditure	80,500	48,100	6,500	5,500

Accounting Officer: Permanent Secretary						
Outcome: Mauritius recognised as a regional scientific and innovation hub						
Main Service/ Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Promote and coordinate applied research and innovation <i>Mauritius Research and Innovation Council/ National Research and Innovation Institute</i>	Percentage of publicly funded research projects aligned with National Priorities	-	-	75%	80%	100%
	Number of projects with commercial potential approved	15	15	20	25	30

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Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		130,500	133,900	134,300	136,800
22	Goods and Services	2,800	2,600	1,400	1,300
22120	Fees	100	100	100	100
22130	Studies and Surveys	700	500	300	200
.001	Studies and Preliminary Project Preparation <i>Setting up of a National Chapter for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology</i>	700	500	300	200
22900	Other Goods and Services	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
.903	Awareness Campaign - <i>National Science Week Exposition</i>	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
.922	Conferences/Seminars/Workshops	1,000	1,000	-	-
26	Grants	127,700	131,300	132,900	135,500
26210	Contribution to International Organisations				
.037	Non-Aligned Movement for Science and Technology Centre	920	930	930	930
.071	Commonwealth of Learning	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600

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Rs 000

Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
26313	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.077	Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre	38,000	39,500	40,200	40,500
.150	Higher Education Commission	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	(a) <i>Research Fund</i>	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	(b) <i>UOM - Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research</i>	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
.042	Mauritius Research and Innovation Council/National Research and Innovation Institute	65,280	67,270	68,170	70,470
	<i>o/w Gender-Based Violence Observatory</i>	5,000	4,000	3,500	-
Capital Expenditure		80,500	48,100	6,500	5,500
26	Grants	80,500	48,100	6,500	5,500
26323	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.077	Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre	8,000	8,600	5,500	4,500
	(a) <i>Acquisition of Exhibits & Equipment</i>	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	(b) <i>Upgrading of Electrical Network</i>	3,000	600	-	-
	(c) <i>Repairs and Upgrading Works</i>	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
	(d) <i>Exhibition on AI</i>	-	500	500	-
	(e) <i>Acquisition of Inflatable Planetarium</i>	-	3,000	500	-
.042	Mauritius Research and Innovation Council/National Research and Innovation Institute	72,500	39,500	1,000	1,000
	(a) <i>Acquisition of Computers and Softwares</i>	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,000
	(b) <i>Research and Innovation Projects</i>	70,000	38,000	-	-
TOTAL		211,000	182,000	140,800	142,300

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Programme 2004: Pathways to Higher Education

Rs 000

Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	63,000	66,000	66,500	67,500
Recurrent Expenditure	43,000	46,000	46,500	47,500
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	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Enhance and expand technology education <i>Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd</i>	Percentage of graduates employed or pursuing further education within 1 year of completion of studies	-	94%	95%	96%	97%
Implementation of National Credit Value and Transfer System (NCVTS) <i>Higher Education Commission</i>	Number of Public and Private HEIs implementing the NCVTS (Cumulative)	2	2	20	40	40
	Number of micro- credential learners completing certified (digital badges) modules	-	-	50	75	100

Rs 000

Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		43,000	46,000	46,500	47,500
22	Goods and Services	1,000	1,000	500	500
22120	Fees				
.024	Capacity Building Programme - <i>Statut National Etudiant Entrepreneur</i>	1,000	1,000	500	500
26	Grants	42,000	45,000	46,000	47,000
26313	Extra-Budgetary Units				
.143	Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd	42,000	-	-	-
.150	Higher Education Commission <i>(a) Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd</i>	-	45,000	46,000	47,000
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	-	-	-
.150	Higher Education Commission <i>(a) Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd</i>	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL		63,000	66,000	66,500	67,500

f(1) Provision now made under item 26313150: Higher Education Commission of this programme.

f(2) Provision now made under item 26323150: Higher Education Commission of this programme.