Moroccan offer of scholarship for foreign applicants for the academic year 2018/2019

Similar to previous years, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco put at the disposal of brotherly and friendly countries an quota of at the Moroccan public institutions of higher, technical and vocational education for the academic year 2018/2019.

The information below specifies the conditions for implementation of this quota:

I- General information

1- Submission of application files:

Applications for studies in public institutions of higher education in Morocco are subject to the followings formalities:

* Submission of applications for validation by the relevant authorities of the country of origin;
* Sending of preselected application files to AMCI through diplomatic channels. Otherwise, they will not be accepted
* Applications validated, in accordance with admission requirements would be subject of a unique list of names (sample here attached), to be downloaded from the website of AMCI: www.amci.ma/lcf.pdf. this list will specify, in order of priority and as an indication, the choice of fields chosen by each candidate
* The deadline for the application receipt by the AMCI is on: 15 August 2018, knowing that the beginning of the academic year is as follows:
  
  - 10 September 2018: for the studies provided in Arabic and French. 
  - 1st week of October 2018: for the French language-upgrade courses

2- Foreign applicants residing in Morocco

Subject to reciprocity between Morocco and their countries of origin, foreign applicants residing in Morocco and holders of Moroccan baccalaureate, are subject to the same registration requirements as Moroccan students. They must, therefore, present themselves directly to training institutions of their choice (without going through AMCI) and cannot, under any circumstances, be entitled to the scholarships provided by the AMCI.

- Foreign Candidates living in Morocco, holders of a foreign baccalaureate degree are allowed to present their cases to the AMCI through diplomatic channels.
- Applicants holders of Moroccan Nationality, are submitted to the same conditions and procedures of registration as the Moroccan students. They cannot claim, in any case, scholarships provided by the AMCI.

3- Foreign student graduated from the Morocco
As a sign of encouragement, the Applicants graduated from Morocco might, if officially suggested by their respective country be entitled to registrations without higher education scholarships. They might, within the limit of possibilities provided by the AMCI, benefit from Cooperation scholarship, if suggested by the authorities of their country in the initial list of official quota.

4- Diplomats in Morocco and their families

-Diplomats in Morocco, who wish to pursue their studies in Morocco are invited to submit their applications to the Department of Cooperation and Cultural Action belonging to the Ministry in Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
-Children of diplomats in Morocco wishing to continue their studies in public institutions in Morocco must present their files to the AMCI, which will submit them to the relevant departments, for control, according to the admission requirements. selected applicants cannot claim a scholarship from AMCI.

5- Non-Civil Candidates:

Non-civil applicants wishing to continue their studies in Morocco, are invited to submit their applications to the Department of Cooperation and Cultural Action in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

II- Required Documents for the application file:

- Application file must necessarily contain the following documents:
- 2 photocopies of baccalaureate degree, or certificate of completion. The applicants depositing certificates of completion should mandatory take their diplomas from their institutions, no longer than the 2nd year of studies
- 02 certified photocopies of baccalaureate grade sheet
- 02 Birth certificate;
- 02 copies of the passport(if available);
- Recent police record
- Medical certificate issued by the Public Health Services showing the physical attitude of the applicant and certifying that he is vaccinated and not suffering from any contagious or severe illness or carrying a pandemic in particular tuberculosis. The applicant is subject to a second examination once arrived to Morocco;
- Two recent photographs, in colour, (with the name, surname and nationality of the candidate written overleaf;
- Applicants for Master's and PhD degrees must provide, in addition to the above documents, certified copies of their diplomas, grade sheet, education programs as well as a copy of thesis of graduation / thesis project for PhD degree.

NB: Incomplete files or received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration

III- General admission requirements:

1- holders of baccalaureate degree

The selection of holders of baccalaureate degree is done according to the requirements of the institution, the field of studies and the places.
The applicants must be holders of baccalaureate degree (high school diploma) of the year 2018 or 2017 with the following distinction: "Very Good", "Good" or "Fairly Good", knowing that a 2018 baccalaureate degree is required for some institutions.

The age requirement is between 19 and 23 years, according to the academic establishment.

An information note is available on the website: www.amci.ma/rep.pdf containing a complete list of Moroccan public institutions of higher education, as well as specific information about them, including the conditions of access, the subjects and the duration of studies, diplomas ...

2- Master and PhD graduates

The applicants for Master studies must be holders of a bachelor degree, or a degree recognized equivalent in the field requested with, at least, "Good" distinction.

The applicants for PhD studies must be holders of Master Degree or a degree recognized equivalent and providing access to the field requested.

Candidates for Masters or PhD must state the subject and the requested university. For this purpose, they should refer back to the website of the Department of Higher Education: www.enasup.gov.ma, and those of Moroccan universities.

The applicants for this two cycles should specify the field of study and the institution requested. Consequently, they are invited to check the website of higher education department: www.enssup.gov.ma, as well as those of the Moroccan universities.

The files of the applicants responding to the general conditions of admission are submitted to pedagogical and scientific commissions of the requested institutions, which are the only department able to state regarding the final registration of the applicants.

3- The Equivalence of degrees

In some cases, the final registration in the institutions of higher education in Morocco is conditioned by the presentation of a certificate of a certificate of equivalence of the degree obtained, according to the Decree No. 2-01-333 dated on 21 June 2001, related to the conditions and procedures for granting equivalence diplomas of higher education.

4- Languages of Learning

French is the language of learning in most training institutions in Morocco, mainly in scientific and technical and economic study programs.

As a result, candidates of the said fields belonging to non francophone countries and not mastering French language, will follow during the academic year 2018/2019 (from October 2018 to June 2019) language-upgrade courses in this language at the International center of languages, after which those who are declared eligible in the final examinations will be oriented to the appropriate field of studies according to the requirements of admission and on the basis of available places. It is not allowed to repeat (fail) the year of language-upgrading.

Linguistic fields, Arabic literature and Islamic studies are taught in Arabic, the applicants of this field have to master this language.
IV- Tests And Files Selections

1- The Normal Cycle

The files submitted and forwarded in due time will be examined by AMCI, or can be object of the a joint examination with the authorities of the concerned country. The selected applications will be submitted to the Ministerial Department for issuing the registration authorizations.

2- Cycles of Master and PhD

Applications received by AMCI in a due time will be submitted to the university concerned for examination.

The list of selected applicants, together with the fields of studies assigned to them will be forwarded to the applicants through the diplomatic channels.

V- Registration formalities:

Every selected applicant will receive, through the diplomatic channel, a letter/summon, in his name, containing information regarding the conditions of the training, scholarship provided, as well as information regarding the long stay in Morocco.

Applicants subject to visa system, will require a long stay visa (student visa) issued by the diplomatic or consular posts of Morocco in his country of residence

The presence of the candidate in Morocco means acceptance of the proposal that is made to him. And no request for change will be accepted.

The candidate accepted for registration in Morocco, who does not come to the AMCI headquarter within the time limits allowed, will be considered as having given up the offer of registration and scholarship.

Upon his arrival in Rabat, the student has to present the newsletter I invitation addressed to him by the AMCI in order to:

- Complete his application file,
- Collect the following documents:
  - His registration authorization, which is nominative and couldn’t be issued to another person.
  - His scholarship certificate (for AMCI scholarship beneficiaries)
  - Payment receipt of registration file fees (the said fees of an amount of 900 MAD//approximately 90 US$, are deducted from the first scholarship)
  - Documents of subscription to the insurance policy.

He should then:

- Join the institution chosen for the training to complete the formalities for final registration. It should be noted that the applicant must comply with the rules and regulations of the institution to which he/she belongs.
Training in public schools in Morocco is free. However, some institutions providing technical training may require the purchase of special equipment and/or payment of associated costs, which remain on the charge of the student,
- send / deposit a certified copy of the registration certificate issued by the training institution.
VI- Cooperation scholarship

The AMCI's scholarship is granted to the students selected, in the framework of the official quota, holders of Baccalaureate degrees or a diploma recognized equivalent, seeking to continue their higher studies or vocational training, in order to be provided with a public degree in a public institution in Morocco.

The Scholarship opportunities are annual, unused scholarships, as well as those programmed for candidates who would give up, will not have to be renewed or be the object of accumulation for the next years. The training scholarship does not imply in any way the coverage of registration fees, accommodation, transportation or other fees related to studies, which remain to the charge of the student.

The amount of the scholarship is of 750 Dirham per month (approximately $ 75), regardless the cycle, field of studies and the duration. This amount may be subject of some deduction (such as fees of university accommodation). The scholarship is provided during a period of 12 months per academic year (from September to August), its payment is related to the effective and regular attendance of the beneficiary in the educational institution in which he or she is enrolled.

The scholarship is payable on a bi-monthly, in accordance with the schedule agreed by the AMCI.

The payment is given the beneficiary, on presentation of his Passport, at the Agencies of the "Banque Populaire".

Students having Scholarships, belonging to the cycle of Master or PhD, can benefit from a flat supplementary financial support for the print of their thesis, on condition of submission of the draft, a certified Copy of the degree of certificate of completion of the training.

The conditions and procedures for granting, perception of the scholarship are detailed in the booklet entitled: "Regulations on training scholarship and internship awarded to foreign students and interns," which will be distributed to beneficiaries on their arrival in Morocco.

VII- Accommodation

The accommodation is not awarded automatically. However, the foreign students, who are regularly registered in public institutions of higher education may, on the basis of availability, benefit from university-campus accommodation in return for the payment rent expenses.

The students who wish to benefit from will have to submit their request in the AMCI's services.

The maximum statutory term accommodation in the campus is 3 year.

The accommodation in the international Campus (cite universities International CIU), is limited depending to availabilities, new registered students, and in priority, those registered for the language-upgrade courses. However the Non-respect of the internal regulations of the CIU leads automatically and permanently to the exclusion from the campus.

Students who will use the private accommodation for rent are urged to establish leasing contract, which is necessary for the obtention of registration card (residence permit).

VIII- Catering services:

Many university campuses have university restaurants that serve meals to students at subsidized and unique rates.
The students interested by this service, are invited to be presented to the administration of the campus in order to obtain the restaurant card

IX- Medical Coverage

Foreign students subscribe during their study stay in Morocco, an insurance Policy that offers them the following services:

- Reimbursement of medical expenses;
- Medical coverage;
- Final Medical evacuation to home country in case of serious illness preventing the student to continue his studies in Morocco;
- Repatriation of body in case of death on Moroccan territory.

They benefit also, as well as Moroccan students, of health care offered by hospitals and public health centers, which are covering the entire territory of Morocco.

For further information on the Insurance Policy or downloading forms thereon, please consult the website: www.ma2e.ma

The CIU own a socio-medical service which provides the same services free of expenses to foreign students.

X- Requirements for Residency in Morocco:

After completion of the final registration formalities in the institution chosen and those of accommodation, the student must present himself in the immigration office in the "Direction Generale de la Surete Nationale" (Police Headquarter) in the city of his residence to obtain the Residence Permit in Morocco.

This card is renewable each year. The non renewal of the resident's permit will put the student into the irregular situation vis-a-vis the departments of immigration.

N.B: for further information on AMCI, public institutions, procedures and modalities of registration and stay in Morocco, as well as on the payment of the scholarships, it is recommended to consult the following Web sites:

- Moroccan Agency of International Cooperation: www.amci.net.ma
- Office of Vocational Training and Employment Promotion: www.ofppt.ma
- Insurance Policy: www.ma2e.com

Attachments: Application Form

Sample of the list of applicants