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H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries
Government of the Republic of Tunisia
Tunis, TUNISIA

**Subject: AARDO- IIT Bombay Partially funded Scholarship for
Mater's/Ph.D Programmes (Autumn Semester 2026)**

Honourable Minister/Excellency/Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, following a MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay), the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) is providing partially funded scholarship opportunities to highly promising and qualified officers/students from member countries to pursue full-time Master's Degree and Ph.D Programmes at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India.

The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), established in 1958, is a premier technical institution and a global leader in education and research. It provides a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs across 17 Departments, 3 Schools, and over 30 Centres and Interdisciplinary Programs, covering fields such as engineering, science, design, and humanities. Research at the institute is driven by a distinguished faculty that currently numbers 752 members, maintaining a reputation for international excellence. Recognized as an "Institute of Eminence" by the Government of India since 2018, IIT Bombay continues to achieve high global standing, currently ranked 129th globally and 71st in Asia according to the QS 2026 World University Rankings.

I wish to draw your attention that the second cohort of our scholarship program will commence in July 2026. The programme aims at training students in deeper theoretical knowledge, which will enable them to tackle practical complex problems of design and development in industrial fields, as well as to pursue further academic achievements through research. For fulfilling this aim, the programme structure provides sufficient flexibility in coursework and thesis project.

You may wish to note that, keeping in view the need for highly qualified specialists, the selection process could be rigid, stringent, and rigorous involving various steps, including a written test/interview for final selection.

It is hoped that this opportunity will be found useful and Excellency's esteemed Government may nominate qualified officers/university students to undertake scholarship programmes. This interesting offer may be disseminated to the student community.

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Nominees must satisfy the following:

Essential Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree with minimum of 55% marks in bachelor's degree or 60% marks in master's degree in relevant discipline from a recognized Institute or University.
- Individual departments might set a higher qualifying criterion. Details of department-wise criteria for admissions can be viewed in the PG Manual available at: <https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/new-international-degree-students>
- Proficiency in spoken and written English as the medium of instructions would be English only and translation facilities into any other language would not be available;
- Must be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo scholarship programme

You will appreciate that this fellowship has expenditure inclusions and exclusions as highlighted in the following table:

Inclusions (Covered jointly by IITB and AARDO)	Exclusions (to be covered by Candidate/ nominating Country/Institution)
International student tuition fee for up to 2 years in the Master's program and up to 4 years in the PhD program	Pre & during -Scholarship expenses: Passport, Visa Fee, Vaccination, Airport Taxes, Travel, Health Insurance Premium and Medical Expenses, Telephone Calls, Laundry etc.
Return Air Ticket by economy class (from Capital City)*	Extra Baggage Allowances (Above that provided by the Airline)
	One-time admission fee & Hostel charges
	Post -Scholarship expenses: any other expense after the event

* Air fare will be provided for only regular membership contribution-paying countries

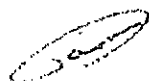
The esteemed Government may wish to provide allowances to their candidate, especially to meet the expenses which are excluded under this scholarship programme. It is strongly recommended for Participants to carry valid travel health insurance cover.

The application process for the IITB AARDO Admission will be conducted online through the website <https://portal.iitb.ac.in/intadm/login> of the Institute. The deadline for online application submission is set for the 31 March 2026. Please note that, as per Ministry of Education, Government of India, notification, an applicant needs to mandatorily submit their application on Study in India portal as well. The link to Study in India portal is <https://studyinindia.gov.in/admission/login>. Nomination received after the closing date or received incomplete in any respect or without a copy of a valid passport is likely not to be considered.

Keeping in view the availability of slots and response from member countries, preference would be given to the candidates from countries that regularly pay their AARDO membership contributions.

Kindly accept, Hon Minister/Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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Secretary General