

General Information

1. **What is the educational aspect of the e-VBAB network project?**

It is a project sponsored by the Government of India, which aims at developing education and training in some African countries through the offer of scholarships.

2. **What do recipients of these scholarships receive?**

They will receive **100% free access** to programmes from reputed Indian Universities.

3. **Are the Indian Institutions recognised?**

Yes, they are recognised programmes for they satisfy all the criteria (for online learning) of regulatory bodies in India

4. **Which organisation will provide evidence for the recognition of programmes and institutions in Mauritius?**

The Higher Education Commission of Mauritius

5. **Which institution will award my degree?**

The University which will enrol you as an online learner.

6. **What is the philosophy of online education?**

To:

- **advance** and disseminate learning and knowledge through a diversity of means, with emphasis on information and communication technologies;
- **provide** wider opportunities for education and training to the population

7. **What is online education?**

The term “online learning” is learning which is enabled through the use of web technologies. It is associated with a family of terms namely open & distance learning, flexible learning, home study, independent study, distributed learning, self-study, technology-based education, mediated-education, e-learning, on-line learning, correspondence, education, electronic learning, technology enhanced learning (TEL). ...etc. All these terms refer to the acquisition of Knowledge and skills through mediated information and instruction. This process is carried out through technologies to transmit content, to provide tuition and to conduct assessment or measure outcomes.

8. **What are the main advantages of studying online programmes?**

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- The flexibility of online learning enables you to continue your personal as well as your professional activities. You learn where and when you want at your own pace through your personal PC or your smart devices.
 - Through online learning, the problems associated with physical distance are overcome for learners from remote locations have the opportunity access education and training.
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- Online learning can help in solving time or scheduling problems for learners busy with family commitments and full-time work.
 - Online learning can accommodate large number of students. There is no limit regarding the number of students to be enrolled in online courses. We have the example of MOOCs (Massive open online courses) which are enabling thousands of learners across the world to follow courses.
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9. How will I learn?

You essentially learn on your own. You will be given access to the learning platform (learning management system) of the University of your choice. Through this platform, you will interact with the learning materials/resources provided, with tutors and peers. Other resources available for some courses could include e-books, case studies, self-assessed activities as quizzes. Online sessions are organised to facilitate the live interactions with lecturers. Recorded sessions are sometimes available. Calendars of live sessions will be provided to students. For practical sessions, you will access virtual labs. Interaction with mentor and the tutors is also possible through emails available on the platform. Your studies have been carefully planned for each semester which is of a six months duration. Usually a guide is given to students regarding the use of the learning platform.

10. How will I access the learning platform of the university of my choice.?

After being awarded the scholarship, you will be given the credentials to access your learning platform

11. Assessment

- Self –assessed activities- These activities are meant to help you in your learning process. Guidelines are provided for these activities and you do not need to send them to your tutors
 - Tutor –marked activities namely assignments, portfolios and dissertations
 - Examination (Not for all courses within a programme of studies)
However, you are advised to check on the assessment approach of the course in which you are enrolling.
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12. How does the OU support e-VBAB learners?

Each University has its own system of support on which you will be given information at the start of the programme. However, the Open University intends to help you also through the following:

- Information services
- General queries
- Facilities of a learning centre with internet access
- Additional learning materials if need be
- Access to our online journal databases (you should send us an e-mail should you request this service)