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H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources, Sanitation and Food Security
Government of Burkina Faso
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**Subject: AARDO- IIT Kharagpur Scholarship for Master of Science (MS) by Research
in Kharagpur, West Bengal, India-Starting July 2022**

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, having recently entered into an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IITKG), West Bengal, India, the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) is pleased to provide scholarship opportunities to highly promising and qualified officers/students from member countries to pursue a two-year full-time master's degree in Ms by Research Programme at IIT Kharagpur in West Bengal, India.

As Your Excellency would be aware the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IITKGP) is a premier institute of India, established in 1951 to train engineers and researchers. It is the first IIT which was created by the Government of India and has been recognized as an institute of international eminence having prestigious departments, centers, and schools. It equally houses specialized departments creating technology-based solutions for sustainable development, such as an Agricultural and Food Engineering Departments and Centres for Rural Development, Innovation and Sustainable Technologies (CRDIST). Keeping pace with technological and agricultural developments, the department has continuously upgraded its academic programs. It interalia, offers a 4-year B. Tech. (Hons) course in Agricultural and Food Engineering, six Joint M.Tech.- Ph.D. programmes in different specializations of agricultural engineering and sciences, and 5-year integrated M. Tech. programmes as well as M.S. (by research) and Ph. D. programmes in specialized areas. (<http://www.iitkgp.ac.in/>).

The Master of Science (MS) by Research, offered by AARDO and IITKG is a research-intensive programme that emphasizes the use of logical, analytical, experimental, and intuitive thinking skills in the pursuit of research. It is a program targeting young officers/students inclined towards research careers, R&D, design and conceptualization.

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The degree program can be completed within two years-four semesters; (one academic year consists of two semesters).

The session is programmed to commence on a physical mode from July 2022. The broad disciplines covered under this programme are:

- √ Farm Machinery and Power,
- √ Land and Water Resources Engineering,
- √ Agricultural Biotechnology,
- √ Food Process Engineering,
- √ Agricultural Systems Management and
- √ Aquaculture Engineering

Your Excellency would appreciate that, as IIT Kharagpur strives for excellence and does not compromise in quality, the selection process would be rigid, stringent, and rigorous, involving various steps, including written test/interview for final selection, apart from a good academic background of the nominee.

The application process would be online through the website of the Institute and the last date of submission of the application is **05th May 2022**. Further details, presently being finalized in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur and the full applications process, including the application form, would be circulated, within a fortnight.

The scholarship offered under this programme will cover :

- i) admission fees, hostel fees, tuition fees, and monthly living allowances for the whole period (two years)- to be provided by the IIT Kharagpur, India; and**
- ii) both way air tickets, sponsored by AARDO, for joining in and on successful completion of the programme, only for the first five candidates on the merit list to be provided by the selection committee of IIT, Kharagpur.**

Note : Additionally, Some 15 Officers/Students appearing on the merit list (6-20) will be provided with benefits elucidated at (i) above subject to nominees providing evidence of funding sources to meet airfare costs as they will be required to travel to IIT Kharagpur and back to their country at their own cost.

It is hoped that this opportunity, will be found useful and Excellency's esteemed Government is requested to nominate qualified officers/students to undertake appropriate research under this prestigious Master programme. Subject to internal policies and prerogatives, the AARDO Secretariat proposes that this circular be kindly circulated among different agricultural/engineering universities and colleges in Excellency's esteemed country.

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

Sincerely,



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