

MOST IMMEDIATE

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Government of India
Department of Personnel & Training
Training Division

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To,

Secretaries to Ministries/Departments of Govt of India
Chief Secretaries/Administrator of State Governments and UTs

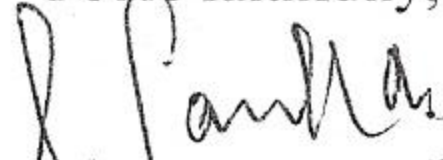
Subject Domestic Funding of Foreign Training (DFFT) Scheme – Introduction of one-year MPA (Mason Programme) conducted by Harvard Kennedy School in 2012-13.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Division's circular of even number dated 16th September 2011 inviting applications for various long/short-term training programmes abroad under the DFFT Scheme, it has since been decided to offer one-year MPA (Mason programme), 2012-13 of the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) also under the scheme. However, since the deadline for applications for this programme as stipulated by the HKS is 2nd December 2011, a separate application/sponsorship system has been devised so as to align the same with the calendar of HKS for this specific programme. The same is detailed below:

- (i) The interested officers may apply directly to HKS before 2nd December 2011 and undertake admission/selection process as stipulated by HKS as a private individual.
 - (ii) This Department will earmark three slots for MPA (Mason programme).
 - (iii) Once an officer is selected by HKS, he/she may apply for sponsorship under the DFFT Scheme through their respective controlling authorities along with requisite clearances, e.g., vigilance clearance, ACR Grading, etc.
 - (iv) Applications of such officers will be considered by a Committee to be constituted in DOPT.
 - (v) The successful applicants will receive full funding as in the case of other long-term programmes.
2. The eligibility criteria for applying for Mason Programme will be same as mentioned in our circular dated 16th September 2011 in respect of other long-term training programmes.

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjiv Shankar)
Director (FTC)