



VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Research Assistant (Full-Time)**, to set up an agribusiness as part of the on-going project entitled '**Leveraging on the AgriTECH Park of the University of Mauritius to promote innovative entrepreneurial research: Moving SmartBite™ HEALTH Products from lab to fork to address food & nutrition security and health & well-being of the Mauritian population**' for a contractual period of five (5) months.

Qualifications Required:

- At least an Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1) degree in Food Science & Technology and allied fields.

Profile

- A minor in Food Entrepreneurship would be an advantage
- Have prior experience in food product development
- Have a practical knowledge of market analysis and marketing
- Is versed with basic digital marketing knowledge
- Have clear oral communication skills
- Have good writing, presentation and problem-solving skills
- Have excellent interpersonal and soft skills
- Be pro-active and resourceful

Responsibilities & Duties (*Inter alia*)

- To set up an agribusiness start-up under guided supervision
- To assess the business potential of food products
- To conduct competitive analyses of related products
- To safely operate equipment used in food production
- To interact with relevant stakeholders involved in food distribution and retail
- To assess consumer acceptance of products
- To explore the interest of SMEs to use the agro-processing incubator
- Any other cognate duties

Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of **27, 400/-** plus traveling expenses by bus

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for a contractual period of five (5) months. The proposed starting date will be 15th March 2023.

Mode of Application

Letter of application together with a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* and photocopies of qualifications/transcripts, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications (where applicable) as well as a motivation letter should reach **the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture (Attention: Dr B. Ramasawmy), University of Mauritius, Réduit**, OR email address (b.ramasawmy@uom.ac.mu) and copied to (deanfoa@uom.ac.mu) by **8th March 2023 at latest**.

The envelope should be clearly marked "**Research Assistant for Leveraging on the AgriTECH Park of the University of Mauritius to promote innovative entrepreneurial research: Moving SmartBite™ HEALTH Products from lab to fork to address food & nutrition security and health & well-being of the Mauritian population**" on the top right-hand corner.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The University reserves the right:

- to call for interview only the most appropriately and best qualified applicants;
- not to make any appointment as a result of this advertisement;
- to conduct a written/aptitude test as and when required.