



# UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

## VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Trainee Project Assistant (Full-Time)**, to work on the DeSIRA project ('Development-Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture Initiative'), funded by the **European Union**. As part of the project, the selected candidate will work on the following Work Package 4: 'Development of a sustainable and inclusive value-chain for small-holder dairy farmers in the Republic of Mauritius'), for a contractual period of **eight (8) months**. Two (2) candidates will be recruited under this post.

### Qualifications Required

A good Hons degree in the field of Agricultural Science and Technology/ Food Science and Technology / Microbiology/ Business Management / Management / Entrepreneurship/ and any other related fields

### Profile

Candidates must have:

- Excellent written and verbal skills.
- Knowledge of field research and experimental methods.
- Strong organisational skills.

### Responsibilities and Duties

- Write a Literature Review.
- Design a survey questionnaire.
- Collect field data from dairy farmers and other related stakeholders
- Analyse data using appropriate statistical methods.
- Conduct focus groups/ Organise stakeholders' meetings/workshops
- Set up an agribusiness incubator for new start-ups in the dairy sector
- Write regular update reports.
- Other duties (including administrative duties) to support research activities.

### Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of Rs13, 000/-, plus travelling expenses by bus.

### Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for a contractual period of eight (8) months. The proposed starting date will be **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**.

### Mode of Application

Letter of application together with a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* and photocopies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications (where applicable) should reach **the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture (Attention: Dr Brinda Ramasawmy), University of Mauritius, Réduit, or email address** ([b.ramasawmy@uom.ac.mu](mailto:b.ramasawmy@uom.ac.mu)) and copied to ([deanfoa@uom.ac.mu](mailto:deanfoa@uom.ac.mu)) by **27<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 16:00 hours at latest**.

The envelope should be clearly marked "**WP4-Trainee Project Assistant for the DeSIRA project – Development of a sustainable and inclusive value-chain for small-holder dairy farmers in the Republic of Mauritius**" 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.

Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

Date: 21 March 2023