



# UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

## VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for two (2) posts of **Trainee Project Assistant (Part-Time - 18 hrs per week)**, to work on the research project entitled “**Novel, collaborative evidence-based approaches to replace culling of an Endangered fruit-eating bat**”, for a total contractual period of one year.

### Minimum qualifications required:

- A good Bachelor’s degree (at least Upper Second Class) in Agricultural science, Biology, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, or any other relevant field of science.

### Profile

Candidates must have:

- Good research and communication skills preferably in a topic of ecological nature.
- Analytical skills and adequate knowledge in ecological research and sampling.
- Strong ability to work in the field.
- Competencies to carry out field surveys and collect data.

The following would be an advantage:

- Proven work experience in a biodiversity / conservation related field.
- Holder of a full driving license.

### Responsibilities & Duties

- Carry out surveys at study sites for the assessment of bat deterrent systems that includes setting up of systems in orchards and backyard gardens, assessing fruit production and damage and conducting questionnaire surveys using standard protocols.
- Recording of accurate data on survey sheets in the field and in the laboratory.
- Data handling and analyses, reporting results (written and oral presentations) and writing reports.
- Attending meetings with stakeholders (government bodies, private sector, academia, public and press) and organising workshops as and when necessary.
- Assess general uptake of measures (e.g. tree pruning, netting etc.) to protect crops of commercial fruit trees from damages.
- Any other cognate duties.

### Remuneration

A monthly allowance of Rs 7,800/- and refund of transport by bus.

### Duration of Contract

Appointment will be for one year. The proposed starting date is upon signing of contract.

## **Mode of Application**

Letter of application together with (i) a detailed *Curriculum Vitae*, and (ii) scanned copies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications and other documents (where applicable) – to be sent by email to the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit (Email: [deanfos@uom.ac.mu](mailto:deanfos@uom.ac.mu)) with copy to Associate Professor Dr. F. B. Vincent FLORENS, Principal Investigator, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit [Email: [Vin.Florens@uom.ac.mu](mailto:Vin.Florens@uom.ac.mu)] by **Monday 28 August 2023 by 16:00 latest**.

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 and aptitude test as and when required

**21 August 2023**

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