



VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one (1) post of **Research Assistant (Part-Time – average of 3 days per week)**, to work on a subcomponent of project VARUNA entitled “*Renforcer les capacités, pour la mobilisation et l’utilisation efficace des informations biologiques et écologiques*”, to assist in creation and delivery of training modules about the protection, restoration and conservation of biodiversity to be delivered to different target groups (e.g. members of NGOs, academics, practitioners and other stakeholders) for a contractual period of up to about 2 years.

Minimum qualifications required:

- MSc, MPhil or ongoing PhD in a field related to Biology, Environmental Sciences, or any other field relevant to the tasks to be carried out.

Profile

Candidates must:

- Have competencies with using electronic tools used to develop teaching material and deliver courses to dedicated audiences.
- Be well organised and have excellent ability to interact with learners with different degrees of knowledge.
- Have good analytical and communication skills (written and oral) on topics related to ecology and biodiversity conservation.
- Have strong ability to achieve set targets under minimal supervision.

The following would be advantages:

- Experienced in teaching or delivering presentations.
- Publication(s) in Q1 or Q2 journal(s).

Responsibilities & Duties

- Production of unique and relevant teaching material from the scientific literature for learners of different levels and backgrounds. This includes material to be used online and in face-to-face modes.
- Updating of teaching material throughout the period to ensure they are of high standards and include new information that is relevant to the courses.
- Support PI with grading of quizzes, tests, etc.
- Support PI with keeping updated compilation of marks and grading.
- Support PI with checking for plagiarism.
- 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) as and when necessary.
- Any other cognate duties.

Remuneration

A monthly allowance of Rs 16,440/- and salary compensation at approved rates, and refund of transport by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of six (6) months, renewable. The proposed starting date is upon signing of contract in August 2023.

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] 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] by **Friday 16 June 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.

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