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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Research Assistant (Part-Time)**, to work on a research project, funded by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC), entitled “**Topical Oil Formulation containing Plant Extracts with Inflammatory and Antibacterial Properties**” at the Biopharmaceutical Unit of the Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research (CBBR) for a contractual period of **seven (7)** months.

Qualifications Required

- A degree in Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Food Science, Nutritional Sciences, Pharmacy or any other related field.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Experience in working with extracts from natural resources.
- Experience in cell culture and bacterial culture processes and procedures.
- Practical knowledge of the use of statistical packages for data analysis.
- Good research, organisation and communication skills.

Responsibilities & Duties

- To perform experiments as related to the research project.
- To optimise existing procedures and establish new protocols for testing if needed.
- To be involved in the procurement and purchasing of materials/consumables for the project.
- To analyse and interpret results.
- To present information on research progress and outcomes to the Principal Investigator.
- To contribute to the production of research reports, manuscripts and presentations.
- The selected candidate should be able to integrate the team of researchers within the Biopharmaceutical Unit.
- Any other duty as may be assigned by the Principal Investigator within the project.

Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of Rs 18,400/-, plus salary compensation at approved rate, plus travelling expenses by bus. You will be required to work for at least twenty hours per week on this laboratory-based project.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of seven (7) months, renewable if required. The proposed starting date will be 15 May 2024.

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 Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academia) (Attention: Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Vidushi Neergheen), University of Mauritius, Réduit**, OR email address v.neergheen@uom.ac.mu and copied to pvcacd@uom.ac.mu by **03 May 2024, at latest**.

The envelope/subject line should be clearly marked “**Research Assistant for the Project K0601**”.

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/apptitude test as and when required.

Date: 15 April 2024

**Prof M I Santally
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academia)**