UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Research Assistant, for a task-based assignment** to work on the research project entitled "Enhancing Marine Shrimp Farming and Acclimatisation to Freshwater Environments Through IoT and Smart Technologies", for a contractual period of four (4) months.

Qualifications Required:

• A degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Applied Computing, Information Systems, Electronics, Electronics and Communication Engineering, or any other equivalent qualification.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Proficiency in IT, programming, and IoT integration, with experience in deploying and managing sensors and devices;
- Strong knowledge of web-based development (PHP, JavaScript) and/or mobile app development;
- Familiarity with JavaScript UI Frameworks and Libraries (e.g., React, Angular) will be an advantage;
- Experience in testing, commissioning, and troubleshooting IoT and software systems;
- Skills in customizing applications to meet specific project requirements;
- Ability to document processes and prepare comprehensive reports for each task;
- Good analytical skills and adequate knowledge in relevant fields of research;
- Good interpersonal, communication and research skills;
- Analytical skills and adequate knowledge in the relevant field of research; and
- Availability to start work as soon as possible.

Responsibilities & Duties

Task 1: IoT Equipment Deployment and Prototyping

- Assist in the installation and configuration of IoT-enabled water quality monitoring equipment;
- Prototype and integrate sensors for real-time data collection (parameters such as salinity, pH, and dissolved oxygen);

- Calibrate equipment to ensure accuracy and functionality;
- Maintain detailed documentation of the deployment and calibration processes; and
- Any other relevant activities related to this task.

Task 2: Mobile and/or Web-Based Application Development

- Design and develop a mobile and/or web-based application for recording, visualizing, and monitoring data from IoT devices;
- Ensure compatibility with IoT hardware and seamless data integration;
- Use cloud-based or web-server services for hosting the application;
- Customize the application to include data visualization and alert mechanisms for deviations in water quality parameters; and
- Any other relevant activities related to this task.

Task 3: Testing, Commissioning, and Final Reporting

- Test and troubleshoot IoT systems and the developed application to ensure they meet project objectives;
- Commission the integrated system for use in shrimp farming operation;
- Prepare detailed progress reports and a final project report documenting the deployment, development, and testing processes;
- Ensure knowledge transfer through documentation and regular meetings with the project team; and
- Any other relevant activities related to this task.

Remuneration

For Task 1: an all-inclusive allowance of Rs25,000/- upon satisfactory completion

For Task 2: an all-inclusive allowance of Rs30,000/- upon satisfactory completion

For Task 3: an all-inclusive allowance of Rs20,000/- upon satisfactory completion

Duration of Contract

• Appointment will be offered for a contractual period of 4 months. The tentative starting date will be 15th January 2025 to 14th May 2025.

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 Information, Communication and Digital Technologies (Attention:** *Dr Roushdat Elaheebocus*), University of Mauritius, Réduit, OR email address (*r.elaheebocus@uom.ac.mu*) and copied to (*deanfoicdt@uom.ac.mu*) by Noon (12:00 PM), on the <u>30th of December 2024</u>, at latest.

The envelope should be clearly marked "Research Assistant for the project Enhancing Marine Shrimp Farming and Acclimatisation to Freshwater Environments Through IoT and Smart Technologies" 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.

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