



VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one (1) post of **Research Assistant (Full-Time – 5 days per week)**, to work on the research project entitled “*VARUNA - Renforcer les capacités, pour la mobilisation et l'utilisation efficace des informations biologiques et écologiques*”, for a contractual period of up to nineteen (19) months.

Minimum qualifications required:

- MSc, MPhil or equivalent in a field related to Biology, Biological Sciences, Conservation, Ecology, 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 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 Principal Investigator (PI) with grading of quizzes, tests, etc.
- Support PI with keeping updated compilation of marks and grading.
- Support PI with checking assignments for plagiarism.
- Data handling and analyses, and writing and presenting reports (written and oral presentations).
- 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 27,400/, plus salary compensation for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, refund of transport by bus and end-of-year bonus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of six (6) months, renewable up to a total of nineteen (19) months. The proposed starting date is upon signing of contract in November 2024.

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) - 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] with email subject matter 'Varuna Courses' by **Wednesday 06 November 2024 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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