



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Trainee Project Assistant (Full-Time)**, to work on the **ITALIQ project** « *Innovations technologiques et organisationnelles pour des aliments de qualité* », funded by InterReg (EU). It aims to improve food security in the south-west Indian Ocean island states, members of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), by promoting the availability of a variety of quality foods (sanitary, nutritional and organoleptic quality) on local and regional markets, while enhancing the diversity of local food crops. One of the main thrusts of the Italiq project is to identify and characterise initiatives facilitating children and youth access to a balanced diet and quality local produce through school catering and/or street food. As part of the project, the selected candidate will work on the Work Package 3: *Innovations Organisationnelles pour la valorisation des produits destinés à une alimentation locale de qualité*, for a contractual period of **six (6) months**.

Qualifications Required

A degree in the field of Agricultural Science and Technology/Food Science and Technology/Microbiology/Biotechnology/Business Management/Management/Entrepreneurship/ Economics or equivalent

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Excellent written and verbal skills.
- Knowledge of field research (survey and key informant interviews).
- Strong organisational skills.
- Strong data analysis skills

Responsibilities and Duties

- Write a scientific literature review on school feeding programmes;
- Identify all pre-primary and primary schools offering food in Mauritius/Rodrigues;
- Carry out key informant interviews with school's part of school feeding programmes in Mauritius/Rodrigues to explore the different models used;
- Conduct interviews and observations on a sample of school's part of school feeding programmes to identify constraints, challenges and opportunities;
- Analyse field data and write regular update reports;
- Organise a validation workshop to present results and debate on solutions to address identified constraints/challenges;
- Other duties (including administrative duties) to support research activities.

Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of Rs13,500/ -, plus salary compensation at approved rate, plus travelling expenses by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of six (6) months, renewable if required. The proposed starting date will be **01 April 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 Agriculture [Attention: Associate Professor (Dr) Brinda Ramasawmy Molaye], University of Mauritius, Réduit, or email address (b.ramasawmy@uom.ac.mu) and copied to (deanfoa@uom.ac.mu) by **20 March 2025, 16:00 hours at latest**.**

The envelope should be clearly marked "**WP3-Trainee Project Assistant for the ITALIQ project – « Innovations technologiques et organisationnelles pour des aliments de qualité »**" 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/aptnitude test as and when required.

**Dean, Faculty of Agriculture
Date: 06 March 2025**