



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Research Assistant (Full-Time)**, to work on the research project entitled ***“Patterns in marine plankton distribution and density around Mauritius Island: Economic and ecological implications for filter feeding molluscs and coral reef predator Crown-of-Thorns starfish”***, for a contractual period of **one (1) year**, renewable on a yearly basis, subject to the progress of the project.

Qualifications Required:

- A good Bachelor’s degree in Marine Environmental Sciences, Marine Science, Marine Biology and Ecology or any other relevant field of science
- Open Water Diving certified or higher
- MSc and/or PhD degree in any of the above fields, or any other relevant field of science will be an advantage

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Research and communication skills
- Ability to swim, snorkel and dive for collection of samples
- Analytical skills and adequate knowledge in plankton taxonomy and ecology, and molluscs
- Ability to carry out laboratory analyses and molecular works on samples
- Previous experience and ability to work with marine organisms
- Ability to work with statistical tools

Responsibilities & Duties

- Assist in experimental design
- Conduct field surveys and collect samples by snorkeling and diving
- Conduct laboratory works
- Analyze results and write reports
- Any other cognate duties

Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of Rs 27,400/-, plus travelling expenses by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of one (1) year, renewable if required. The proposed starting date will be Monday 03 October 2022.

Mode of Application

Letter of application together with a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* and photocopies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), SCUBA diving certification, testimonials, and equivalence of qualifications (where applicable) should reach **the Dean of the Faculty of Science (Attention: Dr Deepeeka Kaullysing)**, University of Mauritius, Réduit, OR email address (*de.kaullysing@uom.ac.mu*) and copied to (*deanfos@uom.ac.mu*) by **Friday 23 September 2022, at latest**.

The envelope should be clearly marked **“Research Assistant for the project *“Patterns in marine plankton distribution and density around Mauritius Island: Economic and ecological implications for filter feeding molluscs and coral reef predator Crown-of-Thorns starfish”* 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.

12 September 2022

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Faculty of Science