UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of *Research Assistant* (Full-Time), to work on a research project, funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), entitled "Digestive Stability and Bioaccessibility of Locally Derived Nutraceuticals with Anti-Inflammatory and Gut Microbiota Modulating Properties" at the Biopharmaceutical Unit of the Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research (CBBR) for a contractual period of twelve (12) 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.
- Proven capacity to adapt to new techniques.
- Experience in cell 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 27,400/-, plus salary compensation at approved rate, plus travelling expenses by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of twelve (12) months, renewable if required. The proposed starting date will be 02 September 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 at v.neergheen@uom.ac.mu and copied to pvcacd@uom.ac.mu by *15 August 2024*, at latest.

The envelope/subject line should be clearly marked "Research Assistant for the Project T0735".

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The University reserves the right:

Date: 15 July 2024

- 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.

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