



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

As part of the **ITALIQ project** « Innovations technologiques et organisationnelles pour des aliments de qualité », funded by InterReg (EU), applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Trainee Project Assistant (Full-Time)**. The project aims to strengthen food security in south-west Indian Ocean island states by enhancing the availability of nutritious, safe, and appealing foods through the development of sustainable value chains and the promotion of local agrobiodiversity.

The selected candidate will contribute to **Sub-action 1: Valorisation of local staple crops through sustainable processing and preservation techniques**. The project assistant will be engaged in conducting a diagnostic of existing food processing actors, their operations and needs in Mauritius and helping to organise a consultation workshop in Mauritius, with public and private stakeholders. The contract will be for a 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 at least an upper second class award.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Proven skills in field research, including stakeholder mapping, data collection (qualitative and quantitative), and participatory methods.
- Excellent communication and report-writing skills in both English and French.
- Capacity to work independently and collaboratively with diverse stakeholders (e.g., small-scale processors, NGOs, public authorities).
- Good organizational, analytical, and time management skills.

Sound knowledge of food processing technologies and local food value chains is an advantage.

Responsibilities & Duties (*inter alia*)

- Conduct a mapping exercise of stakeholders engaged in the processing of local food crops in Mauritius.
- Carry out a survey through face-to-face interviews with relevant stakeholders in the local food processing sector, with the aim of describing their activities types of processed products, production volumes, scale of operation, and processing techniques but also their constraints, expectations, and capacity-building needs.
- Synthesise data of the survey and prepare a presentation for the workshop.
- Assist in the organisation and facilitation of the consultation workshop in Mauritius with public and private sector stakeholders.
- Assist in preparing technical reports, workshop documentation, and presentations.
- Support related administrative, coordination, and outreach tasks as part of the project 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 **15 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 Agriculture [Attention: Dr D. Ramful-Baboolall], University of Mauritius, Réduit**, or **email address *d.ramful@uom.ac.mu*** and copied to (*deanfoa@uom.ac.mu*) by **05 May 2025, 16:00 hours at latest**.

The envelope should be clearly marked **“Trainee Project Assistant for the ITALIQ project – Sub-Action 1”** 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.

Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

21 April 2025