



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one (1) post of **Research Assistant (Part-Time - 18 hrs per week)**, to work on the research project entitled “**Powering Mangrove Conservation and Use through Research (MCUR)/Favoriser la Conservation et l’Utilisation des Mangroves grâce à la Recherche (MCUR)**”, for an initial contractual period of three months and potentially renewable up to July 2026 or till end of project.

Minimum academic qualifications required:

- A good Bachelor’s degree (at least Upper Second Class) in social and/or natural sciences.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Good background in knowledge dissemination (communication) and/or stakeholder engagement from a social, environmental and/or natural science perspective.
- Excellent ability to establish contact and work with local community.
- Competencies to develop support materials and organize and perform field training sessions.
- Competencies to organize workshop(s) for knowledge dissemination.
- Proven experience working in the field of coastal management and/or a position that required working with stakeholders on social/environmental issue(s).
- Good autonomy and ability to meet work objectives with minimal supervision.
- Be a fast learner and highly adaptable to changing situations.
- Ability to operate with a high level of ethical and professional behaviour.
- Ability to work in a team that includes a Research Assistant and Trainee Project Assistants.
- Fluent in Mauritian Creole, French, English

The following would be advantages:

- Publication(s) in Q1 or Q2 journal(s).
- Experience in collecting and analyzing qualitative data.
- Postgraduate degree (in geography, environmental, biodiversity conservation, coastal management, human sciences (anthropology, sociology, political sciences) or sustainability sciences).
- A full driving license and ability to drive a manual pick up vehicle.
- Fluency in Bhojpuri.

Responsibilities & Duties

- Carry out balanced and exhaustive literature review on the subject matter, using quality sources.

- Disseminating knowledge about science and on how science based decisions can improve mangrove resilience and promote sustainable livelihoods
- Identification of methods and working on materials for knowledge dissemination sessions.
- Organization of workshop and field activities
- Carrying out analyses, reporting results (written and oral presentations) and writing reports.
- Attending meetings with stakeholders (government bodies, private sector, academia, public, local community and press) as and when necessary.
- Any other cognate duties.

Remuneration

A monthly allowance of Rs 16,440 plus salary compensation for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024, 2025, 2026, refund of transport by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for an initial contractual period of three (3) months, which may be renewed for any mutually agreed period until the end of the project. The proposed starting date is upon signing of contract but ideally around February 2026.

Mode of Application

Letter of application together with (i) a detailed *Curriculum Vitae*, scanned copies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications and other documents (where applicable) – should be submitted by email to the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit [Email: deanfos@uom.ac.mu] with copy to Professor Chandani APPADOO, Lead investigator, [chandani@uom.ac.mu] and Associate Professor Dr F. B. Vincent FLORENS, co-investigator, [Email: Vin.Florens@uom.ac.mu] Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit with reference 'MCUR-part time RA' as email subject matter by **Wednesday 14 January 2026 by 16:00, Mauritius time, 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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