



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one (1) post of **Trainee Project Assistant (Full-Time)**, 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.

Minimum academic qualifications required:

- A good Bachelor’s degree (at least Upper Second Class) in Marine Environmental Science, Marine Science and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Ecology, Biology, Biological Sciences or any other relevant field of science.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Good research, communication and teamwork skills in the topic of interest.
- Analytical skills and adequate knowledge in ecological research and sampling.
- Excellent ability to carry out fieldwork (coastal environment and mangroves) and to perform laboratory analysis of samples.
- Competencies to do field work and carry out surveys, collect data, use of spreadsheets.
- Ability to work in a team that includes a Research Assistant and two Trainee Project Assistants.

The following would be advantages:

- Publication(s) in Q1 or Q2 journal(s) or other research conferences.
- Conversant with statistical analysis using appropriate statistical tool(s), such as R.
- Work experience in ecological sampling or mangrove ecosystems.
- A full driving license and ability to drive a manual pick up vehicle or other vehicle

Responsibilities & Duties

- Carry out balanced and exhaustive literature review on the subject matter, using quality sources.
- Support setting up of permanent plots and sampling plots at different sites, monitoring techniques including tagging, design of survey forms and standardized protocols, carry out surveys and collections at study sites for analysis of environmental and sediment parameters, standard methods for carbon stock assessment, measuring mangrove tree dimensions to

characterize forest structure using standard protocol and identification and survey of associated plants in the plots.

- Recording of accurate data on survey sheets in the field and in the laboratory and creation of database
- Collection of samples from study sites and processing in the laboratory.
- Undertake characterization of environmental parameters and carbon content of samples in the laboratory.
- Support in data handling and analyses, reporting results (written and oral presentations) and writing reports.
- Attending meetings with stakeholders (government bodies, private sector, academia, public, local community and press etc.) as and when necessary.
- Driving for field and other related work if needed
- Assist in compilation and management of project documents
- Any other cognate duties.

Remuneration

A monthly allowance of Rs 13,000/- and salary compensation, for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, 2025 and 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 July 2026. 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*, scanned copies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications and other documents (where applicable) - be sent 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-TPA' as email subject matter by Wednesday **28th 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

19 January 2026

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