

VACANCY Research Assistant (Part time)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Research Assistant on a part time basis to work on a research project entitled "Boosting STEM Skills for Higher Education – An Experiment with School of Business Management and Finance Students of the University of Technology, Mauritius", for an initial contractual period of 6 months renewable up to a maximum of 10 months.

Qualifications Required:

The candidate should possess:

A Honours Degree in any of the following STEM fields: Science or Technology or Engineering or Mathematics or any other related field.

Note: A Master's degree in the above fields would be an advantage. Candidates having experiences in conducting research projects in these mentioned field are highly encouraged to apply.

Profile:

Candidates should ideally have the following skills:

- Research and report writing skills
- Interviewing, communication, interpersonal skills
- Leadership skills to monitor a team of enumerators for field work
- Organisational skills for conducting field work
- Critical analysis and creativity skills to design informal learning activities
- Adequate knowledge of Statistical analysis software such as SPSS and NVivo

Responsibilities & Duties

The research assistant is expected to:

- Conduct consolidated literature review:
- Elaborate on the research design;
- Plan data collection process through focus groups, interviews and surveys;
- Participate in brainstorming sessions with stakeholders and consultants;
- Coordinate with enumerators for field works;
- Conduct STEM Needs Assessment and workout out related report for stakeholders;
- Collaborate on informal STEM learning activities with the research team and consultants;
- Support to conduct of STEM activities for university students
- Write evaluation report on STEM intervention strategies;
- Prepare and submit progress report for the Principal investigator as per predetermined deadlines
- To achieve milestones and deadlines of the project
- To carry out any other cognate duties as required

Conditions:

Remuneration: A monthly allowance of Rs 15,000 excluding travelling expenses

<u>Duration of Contract</u>: Appointment will be offered for a contractual period of 6 months on a part time basis. The proposed starting date will be 10th May 2024.

Mode of Application:

The envelope should be clearly marked "Boosting STEM Skills for Higher Education – An Experiment with SBMF Students of the University of Technology, Mauritius" on the top right hand corner. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Letter of application including a detailed CV, photocopies of qualifications, birth certificate, testimonials, contact details of two referees and any other supporting documents should be sent to d.mnarrainen@utm.ac.mu and copy to registrar@utm.ac.mu should be sent by latest 2nd May 2024 at 15 hrs.

The University reserves the right to call for interview only the most appropriately and best qualified applicants and not to make any appointment as a result of this advertisement.

For further information, kindly contact Dr D.M.Narrainen Tel: 2075250

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