



MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COLOMBO 08
DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION

VACANCY

Posts of Research Assistant - Contract Basis

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the posts of Research Assistant - Contract Basis for the project titled **"Impact Assessment: Provision of Fortified Rice to School Children Aged 8-9 Years in Sri Lanka"**, conducted by the Department of Nutrition, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08.

Number of Posts: Two (02)

Qualifications:

Candidates should possess:

- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field such as Nutrition, Food Science, Biomedical Science, Public Health, or Biological Science.

Preference given for:

- Knowledge of research methods and data collection.
- Experience in research or field-based studies.
- Computer literacy in MS Office and data handling.
- Strong written and verbal English communication.
- Ability to communicate in Sinhala and/or Tamil.
- Willingness to work in field settings and coordinate with participants.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The selected candidates will assist in:

- Field coordination and research implementation.
- Data collection (surveys, dietary assessments, anthropometry).
- Coordination with participants, schools, and stakeholders.
- Sample handling and lab documentation support.
- Data entry, verification, and preliminary analysis.
- Maintaining project records and documentation.
- Preparation of reports, presentations, and documents.

Monthly Contract Allowance: Rs. 75,000/-

Duration of Appointment: Two (02) years, subject to performance.

Remarks:

Candidates should submit:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copies of educational certificates
- Copy of National Identity Card (NIC)
- Copies of research experience certificates, if any
- Contact details of two non-related referees.

Applications should be sent on or before 26.08.2026 to: **Director, Medical Research Institute, P.O. Box 527, Colombo 08**, or email to: **nutrition@mri.gov.lk**. Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. Original certificates required.

Registrar

Date: 11.08.2026