



Department of Bioprocess Technology  
Faculty of Technology  
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

**Vacancy for Graduate Research Assistant and Field Assistant (full/part-time basis)**

We are looking for enthusiastic candidates for the following vacancies for the Leishmaniasis research project.

1. **Research area:** Leishmaniasis vector control
2. **About the project:**

The Department of Bioprocess Technology, Faculty of Technology is seeking to control the sandfly vectors transmitting the *Leishmania* parasite by using a novel biotechnological approach for the first time in Sri Lanka. The project is implemented within the endemic regions in Anuradhapura District, Sri Lanka under the funding support received through the World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland.

**3. Vacancy for Graduate Research Assistant (1 post, Full-time/Part-time)**

We are looking for a motivated and ambitious research assistant with experience in the field of entomology to perform a research project on sandfly control through a novel approach.

**Main responsibilities**

- Supporting project management activities
- Carrying out laboratory and fieldwork, and collecting, recording, and analyzing the experimental data.
- Participating in research outcome dissemination activities.
- Supporting the production of research outputs including; preparing and contributing to presentations, videos, workshops, seminars, and peer-reviewed papers.
- Producing summary reports for stakeholders and funders (with guidance).

**Education Qualification and Experience**

- A special degree in Zoology or Biology with Entomology as a subject obtained from a recognized university with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class upper division

**And**

- More than 2 years of working experience in academic settings.
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English.

The appointment is on a contractual basis for 1 year and the monthly salary is Rs. 50,000.

**4. Vacancy for Field Assistant (1 post, Full-time/Part-time)**

We are looking for a male/female field assistant to assist with field research work on the sandfly.

**Main responsibilities**

- Collection of sand flies from the field using different techniques.
- Supporting the relevant field activities and organizing different outreach activities.
- Knowledge of handling medical entomology/ molecular entomology laboratory equipment will be an advantage.

**Education Qualification and Experience**

- Pass G.C.E. O/L or above
- Previous work experience in academic or any research setting will be an advantage (Preferably retired Health Entomological Officer (HEO), Public Health Field Assistant (PHFA), or entomological field attendant or similar experience of at least one year).

**The appointment is on a contractual basis for 1 year and the salary is Rs. 25,000.**

**Work locations:** Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (Mihintale) and field site within Anuradhapura District.

**How to apply:** Eligible interested persons are encouraged to apply for the above-mentioned posts with a detailed CV together with covering letter **on or before 16.00 hours of 11.11.2024 by post to the following address (please write a post of apply at the top left-hand corner of the envelope) or by email to [awijegun@tec.rjt.ac.lk](mailto:awijegun@tec.rjt.ac.lk)**. Late applications will be rejected without notification and only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.



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