# Vacancy for Research Assistant Department of Health Promotion, Faculty of Applied Sciences Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

## **About the Project**

The Department of Health Promotion of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka is conducting a study on substance use among adolescents funded by the University Research Grant - 2025. One Research Assistant position is currently available for immediate recruitment. The role will primarily involve collecting data from school-going adolescents and carrying out data analysis.

# **Opportunities**

By joining this project, you will actively contribute to research addressing substance use among adolescents, a critical public health issue in Sri Lanka. This role offers not only the chance to make a meaningful impact but also to develop your own research capacity. Specifically, you will have the opportunity to:

- Receive training on ethical principles and best practices in conducting research on substance use
- Gain hands-on experience in quantitative and qualitative data collection and data entry
- Learn and apply techniques for analyzing data
- Strengthen your academic writing skills with guidance on preparing and publishing journal articles in the field of public health research

**Duration:** Five months, from December 2025 to April 2026.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Ensuring adherence to quality standards to maintain the integrity of data and findings
- Conducting research and preparing summaries of findings
- Participating in fieldwork and project meetings
- Preparing progress reports and maintaining accurate records
- Meeting project deadlines

#### **Required Qualifications:**

- BSc in Health Promotion or a related discipline
- Preference will be given to candidates with:
  - o Hands-on experience in data collection and analysis
  - Strong communication skills
  - o Basic proficiency in both Sinhala language

Monthly Salary: LKR 50,000

**Work Location:** The Research Assistant will be based in the Department of Health Promotion during the project period.

**How to apply:** Please send your curriculum vitae to Dr. W.M.S. Fernando (Principal Investigator) manojf2000@yahoo.com on or before 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.