Call for Applications
Post/s of Part-Time Research Support Officer II or III

QSAFE – Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Strategic Partnerships Project
“Quantitative Tools for Sustainable Food and Energy in the food chain”
And Any Other Projects undertaken by the
Department of Food Studies and Environmental Health,
Faculty of Health Sciences

1. Applications are invited for a Part-Time Research Support Officer to work on the ‘Quantitative Tools for Sustainable Food and Energy in the Food Chain’ (QSAFE), a project financed by the EU Commission through the Erasmus+ Programme, and any other projects undertaken by the Department of Food Studies and Environmental Health.

2. The overall aim of this QSAFE strategic partnership is to train early stage researchers in the area of predictive modelling, risk assessment and life cycle analysis through a multilateral trans-European cooperation, which fosters both institutional collaboration and innovative problem based learning initiatives. Therefore, University of Malta will be responsible for the coordination and organisation of transnational project meetings. Their purpose will be the following: (i) meeting for preparing the strategic plan as well as the educational and dissemination activities of the project, (ii) intensive programmes for the teaching activities in which all participants and students from the partner institutions will participate, (iii) placement of students in the participating institutes for a period of two months during which industry related projects will be performed and (iv) organization of a conference and workshop activity at the end programme which will be open to all the European academics, stakeholders, chamber of commerce, food industries and other educationalists. One of the major results of the project will also be the development of an e-learning course environment.

3. Applicants must be in possession of a MSc or PhD degree in Science of Applied Sciences. Preference will be given to candidates who have an expertise in Modelling and Chemistry.

The University of Malta is an Equal Opportunity employer.

4. This part-time post is for an initial period of 6 months, which may be renewed for up to 1.5 years. The selected candidate will be expected to dedicate 10 hours per week which can increase to 20 hours per week of work on the project or to full time.

5. Candidates should submit their letter of application, a copy of their curriculum vitae including the contact details of 2 referees and copies of their certificates. Applications may be sent by e-mail to projects.hrmd@um.edu.mt and should be received by not later than noon of Friday 17th June 2016. Late applications will not be considered.

6. Further information may be obtained from our website: http://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/vacancies.

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Further Information

1. The Research Support Officer will be responsible for the execution of a number of tasks related to Q-SAFE, a project financed by the EU through the Erasmus+ Programme in which the Department of Food Studies and Environmental Health is the Co-ordinator, and any other projects undertaken by the Department of Food Studies and Environmental Health. Further information about Q-SAFE may be obtained from the Project Co-ordinator Dr Vasilis Valdramidis at vasilis.valdramidis@um.edu.mt

2. The main duties and responsibilities of the appointee will consist of carrying out Research and Project Management Assistant duties including:
   a. producing deliverables and related reports within the stipulated time frames as specified in the project description;
   b. keeping detailed progress reports and abide to all the conditions imposed by the project;
   c. maintaining project website;
   d. developing an e-course;
   e. endeavouring in generating technical and scientific conference/journal papers;
   f. participating in research activities related to (Predictive) Modelling and (food) chemistry;
   g. assisting in the dissemination process with the stakeholders via a workshop/seminar;
   h. travelling and attending meetings/conferences as the need arises;
   i. taking part in the submission of EU-funded research proposals to sustain related research beyond the funding of the project; and
   j. performing any other project related task as instructed by the Project Co-ordinator.

3. The appointee is expected to work at such places and during such hours as may be determined by the University authorities.

4. The selection procedure will involve:
   a. scrutiny of qualifications and experience claimed and supported by testimonials and/or certificates (copies to be included with the application); and
   b. an interview and / or extended interview.

5. The post is for an initial period of 6 months, which will be subject to a probationary period and to the provisions of the Statutes, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the University of Malta which are now or which may hereafter be in force.

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