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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (Call ID: 192/2021)

Post/s of Full-Time or Part-time Research Support Officer I or II

Project FLAT BREAD MINE – “Flat Bread of Mediterranean area; INnovation & Emerging process & technology”

Funded by the PRIMA call - Section 1 Agro-Food Value chain 2020 Programme

And any other projects undertaken by the Institute for Sustainable Energy and the Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Faculty of Health Sciences

1. Applications are invited for Research Support Officers to carry out duties in relation to the FLAT BREAD MINE project funded by the PRIMA call in Section 1 Agro-Food Value chain 2020 programme, and in which the University of Malta is a partner. The project is undertaken by the Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Energy. The Research Support Officers may also be required to work on other projects undertaken by the Institute for Sustainable Energy or the Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition within the Faculty of Health Sciences.
2. Applicants should be in possession of a first degree in applied Science, Economics, Management or related topics. Prior experience with or knowledge of life cycle assessment would be considered an asset. Applicants with a Master’s degree in one of the above subjects are also encouraged to apply.

The University of Malta is an Equal Opportunity employer.

3. The selected candidates must be living in Malta for the period of employment.
4. The post is for a period of up to 24 months, depending on which qualification level the Research Support Officer is employed, and carries an initial remuneration of €20,800 per annum or €10 per hour for those in possession of first degree, or €24,960 per annum or €12 per hour for those in possession of a Master’s degree. A part-time position will consist of an average of 20 hours of work per week and the period may be extended further.
5. The selected candidate may be offered the opportunity to read for a Master’s degree or a PhD in an area related to the project.
6. Candidates must upload their covering letter, curriculum vitae, and certificates (certificates should be submitted in English) and contact details of at least two referees **through this form** <https://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/workatum-projects> by not later than **Monday, 6th December 2021**.

Late applications will not be considered.

7. Further information may be obtained from <https://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/recruitment> and should you have any queries, please send us an email on projects.hrmd@um.edu.mt.

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Further Information

1. In this project, FBM has two meanings, which can be understood as two ambitions: it aims at establishing a MINE (source) of information to develop healthier & safe FB (dissemination ambition), & it also aims at customising the formulation to make “MINE FB” adapted to each consumer to obtain nutritionally enriched, gluten free, sustainable, or convenient foods (impact ambition). FBM aims at re-exploring & optimising the potential of FB, in terms of baking process, nutritional properties & quality with a concomitant development of standard methods for this type of bread considering organic & non-organic gluten & gluten free formulation. The main role the person selected would be to perform life-cycle assessment of the various formulations and techniques being considered in collaboration with all the partners. The aim is to assess the environmental and sustainability impact of each case. Further information may be obtained by contacting Professor Vasilis Valdramidis at vasilis.valdramidis@um.edu.mt or Prof. Luciano Mule’Stagno at Luciano.mule-stagno@um.edu.mt. The Research Support Officers may also be required to work on other projects undertaken by the Department of the Food Sciences and Nutrition within the Faculty of Health Sciences or the Institute for Sustainable Energy.
2. The appointees will be expected to undertake the following tasks:
 - Learn to use software packages used for life cycle assessments (LCA);
 - Use software to perform LCA;
 - analyzing research data;
 - participating in meetings;
 - compiling technical and scientific reports;
 - reporting to the Principal Investigator of the project;
 - performing laboratory research activities if required; and
 - any other tasks as directed by the project leaders.

3. The appointee will be 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);
 - b. shortlisting; and
 - c. an interview and / or extended interview.
5. The post is for a period of up to 24 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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