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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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

Project “**Extending storage life of local agricultural products using post-harvest technologies**”
Rural Development Program Measure 16.2

And any other projects undertaken by the Department of Food Sciences & Nutrition

1. Applications are invited for a Research Support Officer to work on the project entitled “Extending storage life of local agricultural products using post-harvest technologies”, which is financed through the Rural Development Program Measure 16.2. The Research Support Officer may be required to work on other projects undertaken by the Department of Food Sciences & Nutrition.
2. Applicants must be in possession of a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry, or Food Sciences and a Master’s degree in Chemistry, Material or Food Sciences. Applicants must have completed a laboratory based thesis/dissertation.
3. The post is for a period of 12 months on Full-Time basis or 24 months on Part-Time basis, and carries an initial remuneration of €24,960 per annum or €12 per hour. For the Part-Time basis the hours per week will be an average of 20.
4. Candidates must submit their letter of motivation, a copy of their curriculum vitae, contact details of two referees, and a scanned copy of their certificates (certificates of degrees must be submitted in English) by e-mail to projects.hrmd@um.edu.mt by not later than **Sunday, 13 September 2020**.

Late applications will not be considered.

5. Further information may be obtained from the website:
<https://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/recruitment/projects>

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Further Information

1. The project aims at assessing the feasibility of using these technologies on a locally grown crop by establishing standard operating procedures for post-harvest handling of crops with an aim to prolong storage time and protect crops from both qualitative and quantitative losses. If successful, this project could increase interest in researching and collaborating with farmers on other crops. Further information may be obtained by sending an email to Professor Vasilis Valdramidis at vasilis.valdramidis@um.edu.mt or Professor Ruben Gatt at ruben.gatt@um.edu.mt. The Research Support Officer may be required to work on other projects undertaken by the Department of Food Sciences & Nutrition.
2. The main duties and responsibilities of the appointee will consist of the following tasks:
 - perform research as directed by the principal investigator and key experts;
 - produce deliverables and related reports within the stipulated time frames as specified in the project description;
 - keep detailed progress reports and abide to all the conditions imposed by the project;
 - endeavour in generating technical and scientific conference/journal papers;
 - assist in the dissemination process via workshops, seminars and other events;
 - travel and attend meetings/conferences as the need arises;
 - take part in the submission of local and EU-funded research proposals to sustain related research beyond the funding of the project; and
 - perform any other tasks as instructed by the project coordinator and key experts.
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 12 months on Full-Time basis or 24 months on Part-Time basis, 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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