

Call for Applications (Call ID: 128/2026)**Post/s of Part-Time Research Support Officer II or III****Funded by the Research Excellence Programme of the University of Malta****Department of Marketing****Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy**

1. Applications are invited for the post of Part-Time Research Support Officer II or III within the Department of Marketing, to work on an ongoing project focusing on technological cooperation and competition, applying perspectives from evolutionary and complexity theory. The main duties will involve:

- Conducting literature reviews and retrieving data from academic databases;
- Assisting with data preparation, analysis, and research documentation;
- Contributing to drafting project outputs, reports, and publication materials;
- Preparing research outputs for dissemination online and offline;
- Performing other related tasks assigned by the Principal Investigator.

To successfully fulfil the duties required, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Excellent proficiency in written and spoken English;
- Background in managing academic databases, literature reviews, and project documentation;
- Familiarity with management or marketing journals and theoretical concepts;
- Proficiency with quantitative or qualitative data analysis software.

2. Applicants must be in possession of a Master's degree or a PhD in business-related studies, or currently conducting a PhD in business-related studies. Qualifications in marketing or management will be considered an asset.

The University of Malta is an Equal Opportunity employer.

3. **The selected candidate must be living in Malta for the period of employment, and eligible to work in Malta.**

4. This part-time post has an initial remuneration per hour (inclusive of any cost-of-living adjustment) as follows:

- Research Support Officer II (in possession of a Master's Degree) €14.58 for 10 hours per week for 13 months;
- Research Support Officer III (in possession of a PhD) €17.64 for 10 hours per week for 11 months.

5. 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 **Friday, 6th November 2026**.

Late applications will not be considered.

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

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Further Information:

1. The Department of Marketing is built on the Triple Helix research framework that seamlessly connects academia, industry, and society to solve real-world organisational challenges. Its strategic focus spans four key themes: industry-integrated fieldwork methodologies, sustainable marketing and circular economy practices, the impact of digital transformation and big data, and consumer psychology surrounding brand strategy across various market sectors. Beyond producing peer-reviewed academic publications, the department actively translates its findings into tangible business intelligence. These research insights are directly woven into the curriculum to inform data-driven executive decision-making, while faculty-supervised student dissertations at all degree levels are designed to tackle specific industry problems and enrich the broader marketing landscape.
2. The appointee is expected to:
 - Systematically search and identify relevant academic literature using major academic databases (e.g., ProQuest, EBSCO, Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar). This includes mapping current research trends, identifying theoretical gaps, summarising methodologies, and maintaining organised citation libraries using reference management software (e.g., Mendeley, Zotero, or EndNote) to support the department's strategic research themes;
 - Play a hands-on role in either qualitative or quantitative data workflows. This involves cleaning and coding raw datasets, ensuring data integrity, and running preliminary analyses using standard research software (e.g., SPSS, R, Excel, or NVivo);
 - Work closely with the research team, the ideal candidate will contribute to checking data, academic manuscripts, white papers, and industry-facing reports. This includes translating data analysis into clear written narratives, designing visual aids (charts, tables, and graphs) to illustrate findings, and ensuring all materials adhere to specific target journal guidelines or stakeholder requirements;
 - Help bridge the gap between academia and the broader public by preparing materials for both online and offline platforms. Tasks include designing presentation slide decks for academic conferences or industry seminars, drafting accessible summaries for the department's website and social media channels, and assisting in the organisation of research dissemination events or webinars;
 - Assist with the agile, day-to-day management of research projects. This may include drafting ethical clearance applications, coordinating data collection schedules with industry partners or participants,

assisting with preparing future grant proposals, and attending research team meetings to take minutes and track action items.

3. The appointee will be expected to work in hybrid mode on-site and online 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 will be for a period of 13 or 11 months. The appointment will be made subject to a probationary period, and to the provisions of the Statutes, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the University which are now or which may hereafter be in force.

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