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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (Call ID: 03/2026)

Post/s of Full-Time Research Support Officer III

Funded by the Research Cluster DECC (Discourses of the Environment and Climate Change - Culture, Language and the Environmental Humanities) of the Faculty of Arts, University of Malta

This post is related to all projects undertaken by the Research Cluster DECC.

1. Applications are invited for a full-Time Research Support Officer III (RSO III) to carry out duties in relation to the Research Cluster DECC of the Faculty of Arts, University of Malta and all the projects associated with it.
2. Applicants must:
 - be in possession of a PhD in the area of the Environmental Humanities or in an area of study directly related to the topic of the Research Cluster;
 - demonstrate excellent academic speaking and writing skills in English; and
 - have experience in grant writing and research funding applications.

Familiarity with the local context and institutions will be considered favourably.

The University of Malta is an Equal Opportunity employer.

3. **The selected candidate must be living in Malta for the period of employment.**
4. The post is for an initial period of 12 months, which may be extended up to 36 months, subject to the availability of the funds. The successful candidate will be expected to start on **1st April 2026** and the initial remuneration per annum (inclusive of any cost-of-living adjustments) shall be €36,692.
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 **Monday, 2nd March 2026**.

Late applications will not be considered.

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

Office of the University,
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Further Information

1. The Research Cluster's area of research is based within the field of the Environmental Humanities and aims to examine how environmental issues are framed, narrated and communicated in various contexts. Drawing on data from diverse linguistic and cultural sources, it will interrogate the politics and ethics of dominant narratives and foster critical reflection on alternative climate futures.

The cluster consists of three main pillars, dealing with different discursive perspectives on the overall theme, connecting the areas of cultural studies, literary studies as well as linguistics to other related areas of research within and beyond the Faculty of Arts: 1) Discourses of Environmental Politics; 2) Changing (Is)Lands and Seas: Narratives of the Environment in Transformation; 3) Environmental Futures in Multilingual Perspectives and Foreign Language Teaching.

Research areas include Islands and Insularity, Critical Discourse Analysis, Blue Humanities and Mediterranean Studies, and will be explored in interdisciplinary collaborative projects between the language departments in the Faculty of Arts as well as other Departments, Faculties, Institutes and Centres at the University of Malta, such as the Institute of Linguistics and Language Technology, the Centre for Environmental Education and Research, the Islands and Small States Institute, the Institute of Earth Systems or the Departments of Public Policy and the Department of Tourism Management (both in the Faculty of Economics, Management & Accountancy).

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr Katrin Dautel at katrin.dautel@um.edu.mt.

2. The appointee will be responsible for carrying out research and supporting the Cluster, with their main duties including:
 - Carry out their own research (related to the Cluster's area of interest);
 - Identify funding opportunities and apply for further research grants related to the Cluster's Pillars;
 - Participate in the Cluster research projects as the need arises;
 - Coordinate Cluster activities (e.g. meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.);
 - Actively participate in dissemination (e.g. through scientific manuscript writing, conference presentations, public outreach activities, etc.);
 - Carry out administrative tasks, and especially report writing, as the need arises;
 - Keep detailed progress reports and abide to all the conditions imposed by the Cluster; and
 - Perform any other project related task as instructed by the Cluster Chair(s) and Executive Committee.
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 an initial period of 12 months, which may be extended up to 36 months, subject to the availability of the funds, and 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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