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Call for Applications

Post/s of Part-Time Research Support Officer II

Project: Exploring the Intersections of Social Isolation, Poverty and Loneliness among Older Person in Malta: A Comparative Study of Community-Dwelling and Care Home Residents

Department of Gerontology and Dementia Studies

1. The Department of Gerontology and Dementia Studies requires the services of a Research Support Officer II to work on the project, 'Exploring the Intersections of Social Isolation, Poverty and Loneliness among Older Person in Malta: A Comparative Study of Community-Dwelling and Care Home Residents'.
2. The ideal candidate must hold a Master's degree or higher in Gerontology and Geriatrics. The candidate must be capable of demonstrating comprehensive familiarity with the complexities of the social dynamics of ageing in Malta, with the ability to analyse how the experiences of older persons and older persons living with dementia cut across universal structures in society, particularly with reference to social isolation, poverty, and loneliness. Past experience that includes research on 'Loneliness as a Form of Poverty' is considered an asset.

Candidates should have a strong desire to conduct long-term research in this field and be committed to pursuing it over an extended period. They should be motivated to dedicate themselves to ongoing research efforts, ensuring continuity and depth in their contributions. Candidates must be self-motivated and capable of working independently and within a team. Candidates must possess excellent organisational capacity, including the ability to prioritise tasks and deliver projects to deadlines. Candidates must have good oral and written communication skills.

The candidate ought to be able to discuss the unique opportunities and challenges presented by Malta's ageing population, in light of the interplay between Malta's ageing population and issues of social isolation, poverty, and loneliness among older persons and older persons living with dementia. The ideal candidate must be familiar with Malta's policy reactions and active ageing strategies, and the country's involvement in gerontology research.

Preference will be given to applicants who can contribute to the further development of gerontology as a discipline and profession in Malta, and who have the potential to apply their knowledge to improve the quality of life and well-being of older persons in community and long-term care settings.

3. This post will be for a period starting from 1st March 2026 to 28th February 2027 and will be expected to work a total maximum of 115 hours. The Research Support Officer II will be remunerated as follows:

01.03.26 - 31.12.26 - maximum of 75 hours - Rate EUR14.58

01.01.27 - 28.02.27 - maximum of 40 hours - Rate EUR14.94

4. The selected candidate must be living in Malta for the period of employment.

5. Candidates must submit their letter of application, a copy of their *curriculum vitae* and a copy of their certificates to maria-aurora.fenech@um.edu.mt by not later than **Thursday, 5th March 2026**.

Late applications will not be considered.

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Further Information

1. The research project could be divided into two phases:
1st phase: Gathering quantitative data on social isolation, poverty and loneliness among community dwelling older persons and older persons residing in care homes.
2nd phase: Gathering qualitative data on social isolation, poverty and loneliness among older persons who are residing in Malta and Gozo in the community and in care homes.
2. The Research Support Officer will be directly accountable to the project coordinator to facilitate data collection, ensuring effective collaboration and communication with third parties throughout the entirety of the process.
3. The appointee is expected to work:
 - a. on a part-time basis; and
 - b. 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. short-listing; and
 - c. an interview and / or extended interview.
5. The appointment will be 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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