



## **VACANCY FOR IMMEDIATE RECRUITMENT**

**“Research Assistant Leading to an MPhil Degree”  
National Research Council (NRC) Investigator Driven Research Grants**

### **PROJECT TITLE**

**Determination of the variation of soil carbon dynamics and soil physico-chemical properties in tropical rainforests (TRFs) and tropical montane forests (TMPs) in Sri Lanka across an altitudinal gradient**

For the above Research Project, it expects to recruit a Research Assistant (RA) leading to enroll for a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree, with an immediate effect. A stipend will be paid for 24 months, as per the specified rates below. However, neither registration fee for the MPhil degree nor any other additional payments will be made. Applications are called from highly qualified prospective candidates to meet the following requirements.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Age should be 35 or below by the date of application.

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Four year BSc degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division (preferably) or BSc degree with a Second Class Lower Division from a recognized University

### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

The work is largely laboratory-based but involves collection of soil samples from forest sites at six different locations of the country. Therefore, a self-motivated, hardworking and subject oriented graduate is expected.

### **Research Assistantship**

The research area will cover soil carbon dynamics and analysis of soil physico-chemical properties. Therefore, a person with exposure to soil carbon fractionation and analysis of above properties will be given priority (**preferably a male**).

Research activities will be mainly conducted based on Uva Wellassa University.

### **STIPEND RATE APPLICABLE**

No	Description	Amount per Month (Rs.) (Before registering to MPhil)	Amount per Month (Rs.) (After registering to MPhil)
1	Bachelor Degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division	50,000.00	60,000.00
2	Bachelor Degree with a Second Class Lower Division or without a class	40,000.00	50,000.00

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Self-prepared application with all relevant information should be forwarded to the ‘Principle Investigator’ on or before **September 15, 2020** by registered post.

On the top left hand corner, it should be mentioned as ‘**Research Assistant/NRC 19-072**’.

### **PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR**

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