



RESEARCH VACANCIES

Working on an international research project that aims to mitigate climate change through education and anthropology with indigenous communities in Malaysia

- Fieldwork Research Assistant x 3 posts**
- Research Assistant x 2 posts**
- Research Officer (Q41) x 1 post**
- Postdoctoral Researcher x 1 post**

Submit your application by 30th June 2024 (Sunday) at 23:59 to:

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The project

Voices of the Rainforest is an interdisciplinary international research project, a collaboration between the University of Leeds and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, funded by a prestigious Knowledge Frontiers grant from the [British Academy](#). The principal aim of the research project is to co-create a traditional, ecological, knowledge-based climate change curriculum framework for primary schools with indigenous communities, children, and school partners in the Perak, Pahang, Kelantan, and Johor states of Malaysia. For more information, visit [Voices of the Rainforest](#) information page.

The posts*

Fieldwork Research Assistant x 3
Research Assistant x 2
Research Officer (Q41) x 1
Postdoctoral Researcher x 1

*Please refer to the roles and requirements for each post in the attached documents.

Application

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To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

Dr. Siti Nur Diyana Mahmud
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Fieldwork Research Assistant x 3 posts

The post

We seek to hire three full-time Fieldwork Research Assistants on a contract basis for a period of 6 months starting from 1st August 2024, with a possible extension of up to 12 months by mutual agreement and based on work satisfaction. Please note that you do not need to enrol as a student as this post is not under the Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) scheme. You will be based at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and report directly to the Dr. Zanisah Man. This post is based on campus in Bangi, Selangor, and we are open to discussing flexible working arrangements. We particularly welcome applications from candidates from indigenous communities or minor ethnic groups for this post, as they are currently under-represented in academia.

As a Fieldwork Research Assistant, you will assist the research team as the liaison personnel at one of the three research sites of the project. This will involve establishing networking relationships with indigenous communities, collecting traditional ecological knowledge of climate change from indigenous communities, building rapport with indigenous school partners, including teachers and children, supporting data analysis in collaboration with other research assistants, assisting with the organisation of workshops in schools, and contributing towards project dissemination. These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Minimum requirements

1. Malaysian citizens aged at least 18 years old and not more than 45 years old.
2. A Bachelor's degree in anthropology, cultural studies, human geography, or a closely related field in social sciences or humanities.
3. Experience in undertaking social science interview and data collection with indigenous communities is highly desirable.
4. Hold an active driving licence, have your own transportation, and be able to accommodate in indigenous communities for three to six months.
5. Strong interpersonal, communication, and rapport-building skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders.
6. Good management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines; effective time management to prioritise tasks and meet both internal and external deadlines.
7. Strong analytical skills, with a demonstrated ability to excel both independently and within a team, and to work autonomously with initiative.

Salary

RM1,600.00 to RM2,200.00 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) for Bachelor's degree holders including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO

RM2,200.00 to RM2,600.00 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) for Master's degree holders including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO

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1. Cover letter
2. CV
3. Academic transcripts
4. Copy of MyKad

Research Assistant x 2 posts

The post

We seek to hire two full-time Research Assistants on a contract basis for a period of 6 months starting from 1st August 2024, with a possible extension of up to 12 months by mutual agreement and based on work satisfaction. Please note that you do not need to enrol as a student as this post is not under the Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) scheme. You will be based at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and report directly to the Dr. Siti Nur Diyana Mahmud. This post is based on campus in Bangi, Selangor, and we are open to discussing flexible working arrangements. We particularly welcome applications from candidates from indigenous communities or minor ethnic groups for this post, as they are currently under-represented in academia.

As a Research Assistant, you will support in the execution of a research project with indigenous communities in Malaysia and facilitate the process of curriculum development. This will involve conducting literature reviews on indigenous education and traditional ecological knowledge, assisting with ethnographic data collection with indigenous communities, teachers, and children, analysing multimodal data for academic and non-academic publications, organising professional development workshops for teachers, co-writing curriculum frameworks with stakeholders, and contributing towards project dissemination. These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Minimum requirements

1. Malaysian citizens aged at least 18 years old and not more than 45 years old.
2. A Master's degree in climate change, environmental, sustainability, or a closely related field in education or anthropology.
3. Experience in undertaking curriculum development projects and ethnography or social science research is desirable.
4. Experience in undertaking participatory research, including the use of creative and arts-based methods is desirable.
5. Strong interpersonal and communication, both written and verbal, with the ability to effectively communicate with academic and non-academic audiences.
6. Good management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines; effective time management to prioritise tasks and meet both internal and external deadlines.
7. Strong analytical skills, with a demonstrated ability to excel both independently and within a team, and to work autonomously with initiative.

Salary

RM2,200.00 to RM2,600.00 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) for Master's degree holders including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO

RM2,700.00 to RM3,300.00 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) for PhD holders including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO

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RESEARCH OFFICER (Q41) x 1 post

The post

We seek to hire one full-time Research Officer (Q41) on a contract basis for a period of 12 months starting from 1st August 2024, with a possible extension of up to 8 months by mutual agreement and based on work satisfaction. You will be based at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and report directly to the Dr. Siti Nur Diyana Mahmud. This post is based on campus in Bangi, Selangor, and you are expected to work in an office space with a regular office hours schedule.

As a Research Officer, you will support the day-to-day business, management, and financial aspects of the research project. This will involve assisting the principal researchers with project activities, organising consultation meetings and events, managing the project's financial aspects, coordinating communication across teams in Malaysia and the UK, establishing networks with Malaysian climate change organisations and governmental institutions, creating content for the project website and social media networks, drafting news articles for the project website, and contributing towards project dissemination. These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Minimum requirements

1. Malaysian citizens aged at least 18 years old.
2. Bachelor's degree in business administration, management, finances or a closely related field.
3. A credit (at least Grade C) in Bahasa Melayu for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia/Sijil Vokasional Malaysia or a qualification recognised as equivalent by the Government.
4. Experience working on research project business, management and finance, and with academic and non-academic stakeholders is desirable.
5. Strong interpersonal, communication, and rapport-building skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders.
6. Good management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines; effective time management to prioritise tasks and meet both internal and external deadlines.
7. Strong analytical skills, with a demonstrated ability to excel both independently and within a team, and to work autonomously with initiative.

Salary

RM2,315.00 to RM3,145.11 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO

RM300.00 to RM900.00 monthly allowances

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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER x 1 post

The post

We seek to hire one full-time Postdoctoral Researcher on a contract basis for a period of 12 months starting from 1st August 2024, with the possibility of extension depending on funding availability. You will be under supervision of Dr. Syafiq Mat Noor, based at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and report directly to the Dr. Siti Nur Diyana Mahmud. This post is based on campus in Bangi, Selangor, and we are open to discussing flexible working arrangements. Please note that this post will be highly competitive and does not guarantee an academic post at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia afterwards.

As a Postdoctoral Researcher, you will execute a research project that aims to intertwine the traditional ecological knowledge of indigenous communities in Malaysia with curriculum development. This will involve conducting state-of-the-art literature reviews on climate change education and traditional ecological knowledge, assisting with ethnographic data collection alongside the project's research assistants, analysing data using a multimodal approach that incorporates participatory, indigenous, ethnographic, and creative methodologies, writing non-academic outputs to generate impact and wider dissemination, and conceptualising academic publications that meet international standards of academic excellence.

In addition, you will be encouraged to develop your initiative and independence, and will have the opportunity to undertake research training and career development, including the chance to attend a prestigious international conference in person. This will also involve developing a track record of high-quality research and publications that bridge anthropology and education, submitting proposals for prestigious academic conferences, conceptualising subsequent and new research agendas and initiatives, and bidding for prestigious grants and research funding. These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Minimum requirements

1. Malaysian citizens.
2. A PhD or EdD in climate change education, environmental education, sustainability education, or a closely related field from a prestigious university, awarded within 5 years prior to the appointment (from 1 August 2019 onwards).
3. Proficiency in English (minimum TOEFL score of 600 or minimum IELTS band 6.5 or a language certificate recognised by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia).
4. Evidence of research in climate change education, environmental education, or sustainability education that meet international standards of academic excellence.
5. Experience in undertaking participatory research, including the use of creative and arts-based methods is desirable.
6. Demonstrate the ability to create and disseminate interdisciplinary knowledge bridging education and anthropology.

7. A minimum of two academic publications in high-impact journals from internationally recognised publishers (e.g., Taylor and Francis, Sage, Routledge, Springer).
8. A proven track record of receiving research grants and funding, showcasing the ability to attract financial support for research projects.
9. Highly motivated and proactive in managing their own professional development and career progression in academia.
10. Strong interpersonal and communication, both written and verbal, with the ability to effectively communicate with academic and non-academic audiences.
11. Good management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines; effective time management to prioritise tasks and meet both internal and external deadlines.
12. Strong analytical skills, with a demonstrated ability to excel both independently and within a team, and to work autonomously with initiative.

Salary

RM5,000.00 per month including employer EPF contribution & SOCSO (standard postdoctoral scheme benefits will apply)

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4. Copy of MyKad/Passport
5. Copies of academic publications relevant to the application.