

VACANCIES FOR 03 RESEARCH ASSISTANTS



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We are looking for three highly motivated Research Assistants (RAs) with backgrounds in agriculture, food sciences, animal sciences, fisheries, environmental sciences, biological sciences, engineering, materials science, chemistry, or related disciplines to embark on an exciting EU-funded research project on issues associated with animal-derived foods, including single-use plastics (SUP), microplastic contamination, and sustainable alternative packaging materials.



RA1: SUP Waste Mapping

RA2: Microplastics in Animal-Derived Foods

RA3: Sustainable Packaging Materials

Required qualifications:

- A BSc Honours degree (First Class or Second-Class Upper Division preferred) in a relevant discipline from a recognized university.
- Good communication and scientific writing skills in English are essential.
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team.

Position details:

- **Stipend** : LKR 70,000 per month
- **Duration** : The appointments will be for a period of 11 months
- **Location** : Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna (RA3 will be partially based at the University of Peradeniya as well)

The successful candidates are expected to register for an MSc degree

How to apply

Send your updated CV, including contact details of two non-related referees, along with a 200–300 word motivational letter via registered post on or before 12 June 2026. Applicants should clearly indicate whether they are applying for RA1, RA2, RA3, or all RA positions within the same application.

Applications should be addressed to:

Dr. Hasitha Priyashantha
Department of Animal Science,
Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna
Mapalana, Kamburupitiya

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview.

Deadline: 12 June 2026