

Vacancy for the Post of Research Assistant (Full-time)

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) Funding under NARP -

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Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Applications are invited from qualified graduates for the Post of Research Assistant leading to an MPhil Degree for the project titled *"Postpartum dynamics in metabolic and immune functions of dairy cattle and the economic impact of health management strategies on performance and profitability"*. This project is funded by SLCARP, Sri Lanka. Project activities will be conducted at the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Farmer fields in Anuradhapura District.

Project Duration: 24 Months, full-time

Qualifications:

- BSc (Special) Degree in Agriculture/ BSc (Hons) in Agriculture or any related degree with First or Second Class Honors. Applications with pending graduation certificates are also welcome.
- Research experience in the above fields of subject areas will be an added qualification.
- High level of proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Sufficient knowledge in biostatistics and computation will be an added qualification.

Additional Benefits:

- The applicant is expected to register for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Monthly Stipend: Rs. 60,000 gross salary including EPF and ETF

Notes:

- Selected candidates will be required to sign a bond agreement with the university.
- The candidates who are currently employed at a university, state/private sector department/institute should submit his/her application through the respective head of the university/department/institute.

How to apply:

Interested applicants can send a self-prepared application along with copies of all academic and professional qualifications and documents to prove the working experience with a cover letter, statement of self-motivation and CV under registered cover indicating ***“Project Research Assistant – SLCARP (AFS)”*** on the top left-hand corner of the envelope to reach ***“Prof. W.A.D. Nayananjalie (Principle Investigator), Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura”*** on or before *31st August 2026* and also email all documents in a one pdf as an advance copy on or before the closing date to deepthin@agri.rjt.ac.lk

Method of Selection:

Suitably qualified applicants will be short-listed and only short-listed applicants will be called for an interview. The final decision will be taken by the Project Team.

The Project Team reserve the right to shortlist the candidates. Applications which do not meet the requirements, incomplete applications and applications which reach after the closing date will be rejected without intimation.

Prof. W.A.D. Nayananjalie
Principal Investigator (SLCARP/NARP/NUS/2026/04)