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MARONDERA UNIVERSITY
OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the following post that has arisen in the University:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY INSTITUTE (CCFSI)

Research Fellow - Socio-Economics (1 POST)

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants must at least have an earned Masters degree in Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Socio-Economics, or a closely related field. A PhD and substantial research experience in climate change, food security, rural livelihoods, or natural resource economics will be considered an added advantage. A proven track record of publications in peer-reviewed journals and experience in proposal writing and securing research funding will be added advantages. Demonstrated experience working with multi-stakeholder projects (government, NGOs, donors, communities) is desirable.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Conduct high-quality research on climate change, food security, and rural livelihoods.
- Lead and contribute to research projects under CCFSI thematic areas, including climate resilience, agroecology, and sustainable food systems.
- Develop and implement socio-economic studies, including household surveys, impact assessments, and policy analyses.
- Support the design and operationalisation of MRV frameworks for climate and development projects.
- Contribute to grant proposal development and resource mobilisation efforts.
- Publish research findings in high-impact peer-reviewed journals and policy briefs.
- Engage with stakeholders (government, donors, private sector, and communities) to inform policy and practice.
- Contribute to teaching and training programmes where required (short courses, ToTs, university modules).

- Participate in knowledge management and dissemination activities, including conferences and workshops.
- Support the Institute in strategic planning and programme development.
- Undertake any other duties as assigned by the Executive Director of CCFSI.
- Ability to demonstrate academic leadership that will contribute in invigorating department instruction, curricular innovation and increased research productivity in line with 5.0 thrust of Higher Education Training

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Leave, contributory medical aid and pension are offered. Information on salary and other benefits will be made available to shortlisted candidates.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should include the application letter, certified copies of certificates, national identification and a detailed Curriculum Vitae giving full personal details including full names, place and date of birth, qualifications, experience, present salary, date of availability, contact details, names and addresses of three referees including their email addresses. Female candidates are encouraged to apply. Police clearance is mandatory for successful candidates.

Email your application dossier as a single pdf file to: vacancies@muast.ac.zw. Include the post you're applying for in the subject line. The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 20 May 2026. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Please note that the University does not have Agents who receive applications on its behalf for advertised posts.