



## UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

### VACANCY

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**Project Title:** Towards a Circular Food Sector: Evidence Generation and Policy Support for Reducing Single-Use Plastics in Colombo and Galle Districts, Sri Lanka

**Funded by:** EU CIRCULAR Project

Applications are invited from enthusiastic and dedicated candidates for the post of **Research Assistant (01 Position)** for the above research project conducted by the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Ragama.

#### Key Responsibilities

- Conduct comprehensive field data collection, including 7-day household and vendor waste audits in selected urban, peri-urban, and coastal clusters of Colombo and Galle districts.
- Administer structured surveys and interviewer-administered questionnaires to households, food vendors, and informal waste collectors.
- Assist in sorting, weighing, and categorizing single-use plastic (SUP) waste.
- Perform accurate data entry and assist in preliminary data analysis using statistical software (e.g., SPSS, R, or STATA).
- Assist the research team with literature reviews, documentation of best practices, and drafting policy briefs.

#### Required Qualifications & Experience

- A Bachelor's Degree (Honours) in Environmental Science, Public Health, Biological Sciences, or a related discipline from a recognized university.
- Prior experience in field surveys, waste auditing, or community-based research is highly advantageous.
- Willingness to travel extensively and work in the field (Colombo and Galle districts) is mandatory.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to fluently communicate in Sinhala/Tamil and English.

#### Duration

12 Months (Full-time)

#### Remuneration

A monthly allowance of Rs. 70,000/- will be provided in accordance with the approved project budget.

#### Application Procedure

Interested candidates should email their Curriculum Vitae (CV) along with a cover letter to the Principal Investigator, Prof. Nayana Gunathilaka ( [n.gunathilaka@kln.ac.lk](mailto:n.gunathilaka@kln.ac.lk) ).

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**Closing Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026