

# Calling for Applications

## Post of Research Assistant (M. Phil. Student)

Uva Wellassa University Research Grant (UWU/RG/MPhil/2026/05)



**Research Project: "Association of Iron, Zinc, and Iodine Deficiencies with Selected Neurocognitive, and Psychosocial Functions among Upper Primary and Lower Secondary School Children (8–13 Years) in Sri Lanka"**

Applications are called from suitable qualified graduates who are willing to read and work as a Full-time Research Assistant for a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) Degree for the above research project at Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

### Required Qualifications:

- A B.Sc. degree in Nutrition, Public Health, Community Health, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Psychology, Biological Sciences, or a related discipline from a recognized university. Preference will be given to candidates with specialization and/or academic merit (First Class or Second Class Upper Division).
- Knowledge and experience in nutrition, child health, public health, psychology, cognitive sciences, or biomedical sciences, including research involving micronutrient assessment, epidemiological surveys, neurocognitive or psychosocial assessments, biochemical analyses, data collection and analysis, scientific writing, and research dissemination through publications or conference presentations, will be considered an added advantage.
- Candidates should be willing to engage in field data collection in schools, laboratory-based activities, data management and analysis, and enrolment in the M.Phil. programme related to the research project.

### Method of Selection:

Selection will be done based on the academic qualifications and research proposal (including the work schedule) presented by the candidate. Short listed applicants would be called for an interview.

### Required Documents:

1. Self-prepared Applications for the post of Research Assistant (M.Phil. Student)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Research proposal prepared in line with the above project title
4. Original Copies of all relevant academic and professional qualifications (degree certificates and transcript are compulsory)
5. Statement of Purpose (01 page)
6. Copy of the National Identity Card
7. Copy of Research publications

### Period of Contract:

The contract period for the above post is two years and you need to get into an agreement with the principal investigator of the project for this period and if you leave before the contract period, you need to pay back the total value of stipend received by you from the Research grant.

### Monthly Stipend:

Monthly stipend is available for two years. All-inclusive LKR 65,000 per month (for a Bachelor Degree SLQF Level 06 with 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class upper division) will be paid based on the payment regulations of the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

### Method of application:

The above documents should be uploaded to the link <https://forms.gle/cDCfChCtLzAbxsQ3A> and emailed to Dr. Gayathri Rathnayake (email: [gayathri.r@uwu.ac.lk](mailto:gayathri.r@uwu.ac.lk)) on or before 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Email should include Subject: RA Application UWU/RG/M Phil/2026/05, requested documents should attach as scanned copies of the original.