



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

EXTERNAL JOB VACANCIES (PEARLS PROJECT POSITION)

Applications are invited for the following position:

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (PEARLS PROJECT), DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, FACULTY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN - ADVERT NO. AD/9/354/26 - 1 POST

The Project

The PEARLS Project aims towards Promoting a New Community of Knowledge and Practice on Urban Rivers (NORPART-2024/10111)¹. It thematically focuses on the relationship between urban rivers and riverine communities in times of climate change. Furthermore, it aims for more inclusive and climate-friendly cities through people-centred and resilient urban spaces. The project fosters collaboration between academic institutions in Norway (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Nepal (Tribhuvan University) and Kenya (University of Nairobi) in combination with non-academic partners (United Nations Human Settlements Programme in Kenya and Kounkuey Design Initiative in Kenya).

It aims to support internationalization and excellence in education through active and experiential learning practices, case study based pedagogy and transdisciplinary collaboration reflected in learning curricula. It further aims to achieve societal impact by advancing policy and people-centred local solutions, by connecting researchers, practitioners and communities, and by training future leaders.

Job Purpose

Manage mobilities (staff, students and partners) and other project related activities.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Organize and facilitate field-based studies, capacity-building sessions, lectures, joint curriculum development activities, workshops, research seminars and orientation programs for students, staff and partners involved in mobility initiatives.
2. Support development of knowledge products (policy briefs, newsletters, digital content) including joint dissemination activities with partners (local exhibitions, international toolkits/guidelines).
3. Assist in preparation of quarterly and annual progress reports including documenting international and local case studies, best practices and lessons learned.
4. Promoting visibility of PEARLS project through effective communication strategies using various media channels.
5. Assist in project monitoring and evaluation
6. Any other project related duties that may be allocated.

Job Specifications

1. Applicant must be a holder of a Bachelor's degree in Architecture, or Landscape Architecture or Urban Design/Planning from a university recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.
2. Demonstrable experience in research project management.

Terms of Employment

The successful candidate will be engaged on a full-time basis for a period of six (6) months, with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

NOTES:

1. Applicants should email their application letters, certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae (CV) giving details of their qualifications, experience and three (3) referees, as well as indicating their telephone and e-mail contacts.
2. Applications and related documents should be addressed to the Director, Human Resource, University of Nairobi.
3. Applicants should state their current designations, salaries and other benefits attached to those designations.
4. The application letter must bear the reference code indicated in the advertisement.
5. Late applications will not be considered.
6. Applications should be emailed as one file in PDF to: recruit-radoa926@uonbi.ac.ke

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

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