

Ministry for Gozo and Planning

Post of Assistant Manager (Research) in the Ministry for Gozo and Planning to serve in Malta

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Gozo and Planning invites applications for the post of Assistant Manager (Research) in the Wild Bird Regulation Unit within the Ministry for Gozo and Planning to serve in Malta.

Terms and Conditions

2.1 This appointment is subject to a probationary/trial period of six (6) months.

2.2 During the probationary/trial period, appointees must successfully complete appropriate induction programmes organised by the Institute for the Public Services to be eligible for confirmation of appointment.

2.3 The salary for the post of Assistant Manager (Research) for those applicants entering into the grade under the eligibility provisions of paragraph 4.1 (iii) (a) or (iii) (c) is Salary Scale 12, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to, €23,816.00 per annum, rising by annual increments of €354.00 up to a maximum of €25,940.00.

2.4 An Assistant Manager in Salary Scale 12 will progress to Scale 11, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to €25,435.00 per annum, rising by annual increments of €375.17 up to a maximum of €27,686.02, on attainment of the MQF Level 5 Diploma referred to in paragraph 4.1 (iii) (b).

2.5 An Assistant Manager who satisfies the eligibility provision of paragraph 4.1 (iii) (b) will be placed in Salary Scale 11, and will progress to Scale 10 (€27,055.98 x €407.67 - €29,502.00) in the year 2026 on completion of three (3) years service as Assistant Manager in Salary Scale 11, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.6 Appointees will also be entitled to the payment of an annual class allowance of €500, subject to Central Administration's policies in force from time to time.

2.7 It will not be possible to request a transfer before a two (2) year period from date of appointment. On the lapse of a two (2) year period, appointees may only be transferred at their own request to carry out duties elsewhere in Research, in accordance with established vacancies.

2.8 The result will be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of publication.

2.9 Selected candidates must be of conduct which is appropriate to the post/position applied for. Prior to appointment, selected candidates from outside the Public Service must produce a Certificate of Conduct issued by the Criminal Records Office or other competent authority not earlier than six (6) months from the closing date of this call for applications, which should be submitted by the selected candidate within one (1) week from the date of the notification of appointment.

2.10 In terms of the requirements emanating from Directive 16, regarding the "Governing Framework for Preventing and Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Public Administration", issued by the Principal Permanent Secretary on 27th November 2023 and which came into force on 1st February 2024, the Selection Board will assess candidates' previous employments to assess potential conflicts of interest. In this respect, candidates are to provide a completely updated CV, including qualifications and employment history with their application. Any potential conflict of interest matters noted will be reported to the respective Permanent Secretary, to ensure that should the candidate be recruited, such conflicts of interest would be appropriately managed.

Moreover, selected candidates are to report any known actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest prior to accepting an appointment, through the prescribed Declaration available at Appendix 1 to Directive 16 ([available here](#)).

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Assistant Manager (Research) may be viewed in Annex A attached to this Circular.

Eligibility Requirements

4.1 By the closing time and date of this call for applications, applicants must be:

- i.
 - a. citizens of Malta; **or**
 - b. citizens of other Member States of the European Union who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters of employment by virtue of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; **or**
 - c. citizens of any other country who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment by virtue of the application to that country of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; **or**
 - d. any other persons who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment in terms of the law or the above-mentioned EU legislation and treaty provisions, on account of their family relationship with persons mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c); **or**
 - e. third country nationals who have been granted long-term resident status in Malta under regulation 4 of the Status of Long-Term Residents (Third Country Nationals) Regulations, 2006 or who have been granted a residence permit under regulation 18(3) thereof, together with family members of such third country nationals who have been granted a residence permit under the Family Reunification Regulations, 2007; **or**
 - f. in possession of a residence document issued in terms of the "Residence Status of United Kingdom Nationals and their Family Members in Malta in accordance with the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community Regulations".

The advice of the Citizenship Unit within Community Malta Agency and the Expatriates Unit within Identity Malta should be sought as necessary in the interpretation of the above provisions.

The appointment of candidates referred to at (b), (c), (d) and (e) above would necessitate the issue of an employment licence in so far as this is required by the Immigration Act and subsidiary legislation. Jobsplus should be consulted as necessary on this issue.

ii. must be proficient in the Maltese and English languages;

AND

iii. a. in possession of a recognised qualification MQF Level 4 (subject to a minimum of 120 ECTS credits, or equivalent* in Biology or Ecology or Environmental Science, or in relevant areas as determined by Management.

OR

b. in possession of a recognised Diploma at MQF Level 5 (subject to a minimum of 60 ECTS credits, or equivalent*) in Biology or Ecology or Environmental Science, or in relevant areas as determined by Management.

OR

c. (i) in possession of two (2) subjects at Advanced level and three (3) subjects at Intermediate Matriculation Level (which must include two (2) of the following subjects: Biology or Ecology or Environmental Science) or a recognised pertinent comparable qualification.

OR

(ii) in possession of three (3) subjects at Advanced level (which must include one (1) of the following subjects: Biology or Ecology or Environmental Science).

*A recognised qualification comparable to 120/60 ECTS credits, as applicable, is only accepted subject to an MQRI formal recognition statement being submitted with the application (subject to the provisions of clause 5.4 of the General Provisions document).

Public Officers applying for this post must be confirmed in their current appointment, unless the current appointment is in a different class/career stream or in a definite position, but may apply for a lower grade/position even if not confirmed and whether in the same stream or not. Reversion to previous unconfirmed appointment is not possible.

Successful candidates who are in possession of a recognised MQF Level 4, (qualification or two subjects at Advanced level and three subjects at Intermediate Matriculation level, or in possession of three (3) subjects at Advanced level, or a recognised comparable qualification) in the areas highlighted in 4.1 (iii) (a) or (c), shall enter as Assistant Manager (Salary Scale 12). On attainment of a relevant MQF Level 5 in related areas such officers shall progress to Assistant

Manager (Salary Scale 11). All other progressions shall be in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the document entitled 'Working Conditions for Officers within the Managerial Stream for Qualified Personnel'.

4.2 (i) Moreover, candidates who have not yet formally obtained any of the above-mentioned qualifications will still be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have been approved for the award of the qualification in question.

(ii) Furthermore, candidates who are currently following a recognised programme of study at a higher MQF level than the requested above will also be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have successfully completed the necessary ECTS credits, or equivalent, and attained the required MQF level, by the closing time and date of the call for applications. Prospective applicants should note the requirement to produce MQRIC recognition statements in respect of their qualifications from MQRIC, or other designated authorities, as applicable, as per provisions applicable to this call for applications (see link below).

4.3 Candidates who have not yet formally obtained or are not yet approved for the qualification specified in paragraphs 4.1 iii (a) to 4.1 iii (c) or else as indicated in paragraph 3.1 of the general provisions https://publicservices.gov.mt/en/people/Documents/Recruitment_GenProvs/General%20Provisions_ENG.pdf will still be considered provided that they submit evidence that they are in the final phase of their course leading to such qualification. Appointees must obtain, or be approved, for the award of such **qualification within one year of their appointment date**. If this stipulated deadline for the attainment of such qualification is not met, the appointment will be, for this reason, automatically terminated.

Submission of Supporting documentation

5.1 Qualifications and experience claimed must be supported by certificates/transcripts and/or testimonials, copies of which are to be scanned and sent through the Recruitment Portal <https://recruitment.gov.mt>.

5.2 Original certificates and/or testimonials are to be invariably produced for verification at the interview.

Selection procedure

6.1 Eligible applicants will be assessed by a selection board to determine their suitability for the post. The maximum mark for this selection process is 100% and the pass mark is 50%.

6.2 Due consideration will be given to applicants who, besides the requisites indicated in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3, have proven relevant work experience.

Submission of Applications

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for Gozo and Planning, through the Online Government Recruitment Portal **only** at the following address: <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae, completely up-to-date (which should include a list of qualifications held by applicant and the employment history). The closing date of the receipt of applications is **5.15 pm (Central European Time) of Monday, 30th March, 2026**. A computer-generated email will be sent as an acknowledgement of the application. Further details concerning the submission of applications are contained in the general provisions referred to below.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the applicants not to leave until the last moment for submission of their application.

7.3 Applications which are received after closing date and time (i.e. late applications) are not allowed.

7.4 Applicants are granted up to two (2) working days after closing date and time of this call for applications, to submit any incorrect or incomplete or missing documents.

Other General Provisions

8. **Other general provisions concerning this call for applications, with particular reference to:**

- applicable benefits, conditions and rules/regulations;
- lateral applications;
- reasonable accommodation for registered persons with disability;
- submission of recognition statements in respect of qualifications;
- qualifications at a higher level;
- comparative level of public sector employees;
- renouncement of pending applications;
- publication of the result;
- medical examination;
- the process for the submission of petitions concerning the result;
- access to application forms and related details;
- retention of documents;

may be viewed by accessing the address https://publicservices.gov.mt/en/people/Documents/Recruitment_GenProvs/General%20Provisions_ENG.pdf or may be obtained from the People Management Unit at the Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for Gozo and Planning, St Francis Square, Victoria Gozo. These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.

The website address and email address of the receiving Directorate are <http://mgp.gov.mt> and recruitment.mgp@gov.mt.