Research & Development Officer

University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue University, Vietnam

Assignment title	Research & Development Officer - Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine
Partner organisation	University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue University
Location	Vietnam Hue city
Type of assignment	Select type of assignment
Duration of assignment	3 months
Assignment phases	**Phase** / **Mode** / **Duration** 1 / Remote (online) / 2 months 2 / In-Country / 1 month
Proposed start date	22 February 2027
Website	huaf.edu.vn
Australian organisation:	RAID

ABOUT THE PARTNER ORGANISATION

University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue University (HUAF), a member of Hue University, is one of the leading institutions in Vietnam focused on agricultural, forestry, and environmental sciences. Established in 1967, HUAF is dedicated to advancing knowledge and research in these fields to meet society's evolving needs and contribute to sustainable development. The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs and is committed to fostering innovation, scientific research, and high-quality education. HUAF collaborates with international and domestic partners to promote academic excellence and plays a pivotal role in Vietnam's socio-economic development, particularly in the central and highland regions.

University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue University (HUAF), has a strong team of scientists, including 03 professors, 37 associate professors, and 105 doctors who mostly graduated with a PhD from international universities. In addition, HUAF has 6 strong research teams working across a range of areas, including the environment and quality of products, plant protection, climate-responsive agriculture, forestry development and herbivorous trees, environmental incidents and resistant capacity, livelihoods and sustainable development.

University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue University (HUAF), has 7 specialised faculties, all of which have professional laboratories capable of meeting the needs of scientific research by teams of scientists. Moreover, the HUAF connects with other specialised laboratories at Hue University in Vietnam and with various universities worldwide, such as Kyoto University, Okayama University, Wageningen University, Ghent University, Gottingen University, Utrecht University, and other units.

The Faculty of Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine was established to train generations of livestock engineers and veterinarians who are strong in theory and skilled in practice at the undergraduate level, as well as master's and doctoral students capable of in-depth research at the postgraduate level. Support faculty, staff, and students in conducting scientific research projects at various levels. Organise and implement short-term training and development services in fields where the university is authorized to provide training.

ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

The volunteer will support the Faculty of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine, Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry, in strengthening its research capacity by mentoring staff and students, enhancing proposal development skills, and sharing international research practices.

Promoting collaboration and networking: The volunteer will help foster connections among HUAF, research networks such as Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID), and other institutions, encouraging knowledge exchange and future research partnerships.

Enhancing academic quality and sustainability: Through seminars, discussions, publishing research and knowledge products, and ongoing support, the volunteer will contribute to improving academic standards and fostering a sustainable research culture within HUAF

ASSIGNMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The volunteer will work alongside members of the Agronomy Faculty, HUAF to support the below objectives:

Assignment objectives	Proposed activities
Remote (online) Phase Objective: An informative-structured hybrid program will be developed to assist the HUAF graduates and	- Working with the Faculty of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine, HUAF staff to develop the remote and in-country programs covering several

early and mid-career researchers in improving their spoken and written English skills used in research.	fundamental topics including research article structures, referees' criteria for evaluating manuscripts (MS), how to write each article section, referencing, getting the MS published (considerations to select a target journal, how to edit your MS, submitting a MS and how to respond to editors and referees).
In-Country Phase Objective: Sharing the research skills	Develop & facilitate seminar/ training for staff and students of the Animal Science Faculty on Research methodology in general.
In-Country Phase Objective: Support activities at the Faculty	- Participate in other activities like: Faculty Animal Clinic station on campus, lab work activities, field trips when available. - Short topic presentations/ teaching for students/ staff will be developed with Faculty staff
In-Country Phase Objective: Support the faculty to develop and finalise project and research proposals as well as paper preparation	- Work with academics to identify future project & research priorities - Support drafting and submission of project & research proposals, papers
Inclusion objective and proposed activity	
The volunteer will work alongside the partner organisation to uphold values of diversity, equity and inclusion. Inclusive approaches will aim to make everyone welcome and support equal access to activities and opportunities regardless of gender, age, disability status or background (eg religion, language, ethnicity and marginalised or vulnerable groups). The volunteer will work alongside members of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine to: • Ensure Gender is considered in research activities and proposals	

SELECTION CRITERIA

Education and qualifications

Essential	Desirable
• Relevant academic qualifications, preferably at postgraduate level, in agriculture or a related field.	• Experience in developing research proposals, writing international papers,…

Knowledge and experience

Essential	Desirable
• Proven research background with experience in delivering seminars and publishing in international journals. • Skilled in developing fundable research proposals and strengthening research methodologies. • Strong facilitation and communication skills to encourage collaboration among faculty, students, and external partners. • Ability to organise and participate in knowledge-sharing activities both online and on-site.	• Experience in Southeast Asia • Experience developing and delivering training and workshops/seminars • Strong communication and interpersonal skills. • Ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups. • Proficiency in English, both written and spoken. • Familiarity with the academic landscape in agriculture and forestry is a plus.

Following the Program's values on locally led development, this Assignment Description has been developed and negotiated in good faith with the Partner Organisation. The information contained was correct at the time of acceptance of the request. However, while we take responsibility for matters under our direct control, all assignments and arrangements are subject to change. This assignment may be amended or withdrawn to reflect changes in circumstances.

Line Manager: Prof. Dr. Hoang Thi Thai Hoa

Working relationships: Core research group

Hours and days of work: 9 am to 5 pm , Monday to Friday

In-country phase	Remote Phase
Full time	Flexible: to be discussed by partner and volunteer

Leave: All volunteers are entitled to 20 days leave per 12 months, unless advised otherwise. The same conditions and terms as local colleagues apply, including national holidays.

Work from home: Working from home while on an in-country phase must be in line with usual partner organisation's practices and agreed with the in-country office.

Professional indemnity insurance (*Required for all volunteers who are acting as a medical, allied health or legal professional whilst on assignment)*:	No, this assignment is not deemed to require professional indemity insurance

The volunteer should consult the partner organisation about the need for professional indemnity insurance for the role prior to departure. Where required and/or considered essential to hold this insurance, please discuss this with the Volunteer Services Manager in Melbourne prior to departure.

LIFE AS A VOLUNTEER

The Australian Volunteers Program supports volunteers from preparing to go on assignment through to returning home. For a full breakdown of support provided including assignment allowances, please visit: https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/lifestyle-and-support/

Country context

Learn more about the host country's location by reading the country profile. We encourage candidates to research the specific location of this assignment as it will be discussed and addressed with a recruitment officer during the interview process.

For more information, please visit country links:
https://www.australianvolunteers.com/countries/vietnam and https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/vietnam

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted online through the Australian Volunteers Program website. If you have not already done so, you will need to register on our website prior to applying. For more information about how to apply, please visit:
https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/how-it-works

We actively support and encourage people of all backgrounds and abilities to volunteer internationally and aim to make the program as accessible and inclusive as possible. The program has a dedicated Indigenous Programs Coordinator to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander volunteers, who can be contacted at indigenouspathways@australianvolunteers.com . Access and inclusion plans are available for volunteers with disabilities, to ensure their assignments and living and working arrangements are made more accessible.

Personal circumstances *(This may not apply for Remote-only assignments; consider discussing with AVP team)*
Due to security, cultural, legal or visa restrictions associated with this location, we ask that applicants disclose the following:

- If they want their same-sex partner to accompany them on assignment.

- If they want their partner, to whom they are not legally married, to accompany them on assignment.
- If they want their child(ren) to accompany them on assignment.
- If they have a criminal conviction where a criminal conviction may be relevant to the inherent requirements of the assignment.