

Environment and Sustainable Development Unit

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The Environment & Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU) is an inter-disciplinary research and development center specialized in rural community development, local food systems and sustainable agriculture hosted at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS) of the American University of Beirut (AUB). For more than 20 years, ESDU has been promoting through large community development projects sustainable rural livelihoods all over Lebanon. The Unit focuses on participatory development and capacity building through knowledge management and sharing, appropriate technologies, and impact analysis with particular attention to smallholder farmers, women and youth in the rural areas.

ESDU is seeking to recruit a full-time **Research and Development Officer** having an extensive experience in sustainable development with an agriculture or social science background. He/she will be based in Beirut.

Scope of Work

The Research and Development Officer will be primarily responsible of the following activities:

- Search for relevant funding opportunities and develop proposals in accordance with ESDU mission and vision.
- Conduct research, write scientific articles, and follow-up on publication processes
- Seek collaboration with relevant partners and stakeholder, further extending ESDU's network of partnerships
- Represent ESDU in conferences and discussion panels

- Provide technical support to project coordinators guiding them through relevant approaches and paradigms
- Review technical material (training presentations, reports, social media posts, etc.)
- Relocate or face a longer commute as and when required

Essential Minimum Qualifications

- A PhD in agriculture or social sciences or relevant fields
- Minimum 3 years of previous work experience in community development
- Strong writing and reporting skills
- Strong research skills
- Excellent teamwork and communication skills
- Excellent knowledge of Arabic and English languages

Period: 12 months (with 3-month probation period)

How to Apply

- Deadline to submit CV: February 12, 2022
- Interested candidates should send their CV to: esdu@aub.edu.lb