

SINU DFL to Establish a Sub-Centre at Reef Islands in the Temotu Province



Reef Island Teachers Attending the Tutor Training Workshop

On 6th August 2020, Manager of Distance and Flexible Learning (DFL), Mr. Martin Otto, and DFL Marketing officer Jerry Pakivai flew to Lomlom in response to a request from Mr. Moses of Gauwa Community High School (CHS) on behalf of DFL students and other Reef Island stakeholders. The call was purposely to find solutions for Reef Islands DFL students who are currently studying at the Lata DFL Centre that faced transport difficulties and risks during bad weather when traveling to the Lata center.

Gauwa CHS board took the first step in the search for a solution by allocating a piece of land within the school boundary for the DFL sub-center during its extraordinary meeting. The board also requested

SINU to facilitate formalities through an MOU.

In response, the SINU DFL team conducted tutor training workshops for Gauwa CHS teachers to prepare them to tutor in the proposed new sub-center. Other teachers from other High Schools in the Reef islands also joined the workshop. A total of thirty teachers attended the workshop.

The DFL team also gave a talk with Gauwa CHS students about the Second Chance Education program. Mr. Otto reminds the students of the small land size of Reef Islands that will not support the survival of the growing population; hence, investing in their education is the best alternative.

Currently, there are twenty-two ECP DFL students in the Reef Islands doing Professional Studies, Literacy 1, and Numeracy 1. They were very excited to meet the DFL team and discussed their issues faced as students studying in distance mode in the Remote Reef Islands.

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Nursing Students Clinical program in Outer Provinces

Experience in a clinical environment is what the year two and the year three Nursing students needed to have exposure to the clinical learning environment that can enhance their knowledge and skills as future nurses of Solomon Islands.

The second and third-year Nursing students undergo a compulsory clinical practical at various hospitals in the Provinces. The second-year clinical component was medical nursing, at the medical department in hospitals purposely to train, care for, and carry out their skills on medical patients.

Nursing lecturer Mr. Reuben Ma'au mentioned that 117 second-year students were divided into two groups. The first group consisted of 89 students; 44 went to the Kilufi Hospital at Malaita province, and the other 45 went to Gizo Hospital, Western Province. The practical was for five weeks, and the other lot was sent to the same hospitals after the first lot completed their practical.

In a short interview with year two Nursing Student Salome Kulo, she stated that she was in the second group assigned at Kilufi Hospital. They attended to all types of patients, said Ms. Kulo, it tested their ability to put theories into practice. She also highlighted that it was an amazing, first-time experience as they were able to work closely with the most vulnerable people and give them the support and care they needed. It was

such a new and eye-opening encounter, Ms. Kulo said, and she felt privileged to have spent her five weeks at Kilufi because she has learned a lot from the nurses and her peers. She looks forward to completing her nursing degree and become a registered nurse.

For the third year students, lecturer Ma'au specified that they travel to Kira-Kira Hospital in Makira, Kilufi Hospital in Malaita, Tulagi Hospital in Central, and Gizo Hospital in Western Province for their practice.

Compared to the year two students, the year three nursing students spend ten weeks at these locations, and their program consists of two components; Pediatric and Specialty. Under the Pediatric unit, the students dealt with infants and children healthy and sickness during the first five weeks. The students switched to the Specialty section in the next five weeks. The specialized areas are; mental health, ENT, OT, NCD, TB, and Gynecology, said Mr. Maau.

FNMHS staff accompanied the students to assess them while they are doing their practice. The student's supervisors are the nurses based at the hospitals. Assessment week occurs at the final practical week, and those who fail must repeat their training to ensure that the student is competent when they return to Honiara.

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SINU Nursing Students

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Career Opportunity

SINU seeks to recruit a University Librarian. This position consolidates and expands the scope of the earlier position of Manager of Library Services to meet contemporary challenges in learning and research resource accessibility.

Title	HR 39/2020 University Librarian
Institute/Department	Office of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Category	Senior Management
Reports to	PVC Academic
Location/Campus	Kukum Campus
Direct reports	Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)

Position Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the appointee is to provide leadership in planning, organizing, policy development and review, and management of all operations of the University's library services and needs at its 3 campuses in Honiara and at its centers in other locations in an era of rapid transition of the functions and operations of libraries. The University is now moving from the traditional mode of print collection management to the creation of Learning Spaces, with full integration of hardcopy and electronic learning and research resources and spaces. A major responsibility will be to provide complete support to on-line teaching and learning of students on a 7x24 basis.

The University Librarian is a senior position which requires considerable drive and dynamism in ensuring enhanced access of students and staff to the widest range of high quality resources at least cost for students and staff at the 3 campuses as well as students who study through blended modes. The University Librarian must ensure that all documentation relating to the operations of the Library, including library software systems, are complete and current. The University Librarian also contributes to the delivery of programmes in Information and Library Sciences. This position is pegged to the Academic Stream of the University at a rank commensurate with the qualifications and experiences of the appointee.

Scope of Work:

Detailed scope of work is given in the Job Description available on SINU website: <http://www.sinu.edu.sb/hrd/job/>

Minimum Qualification and Experience Requirements:

- A PhD in Library and Information Sciences with at least 3 years of senior level work experience in a University Library, OR
- A Masters in Library and Information Sciences with a minimum of 8 years of work experience at a senior librarian rank of which at least 3 years ought to be at the deputy librarian or chief librarian rank in a university or research institution.
- Candidates must have thorough knowledge of the role of a University in knowledge creation and dissemination, and have demonstrated skills and expertise in harnessing of digitalized resources towards meeting the core roles of a University.
- Other essential requirements are:
- Demonstrated experience in rapid turnaround of high quality documents; excellent data analysis skills (including high degree of proficiency in library software systems and MSExcel); excellent IT skills; and excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability and willingness to work, manage and supervise Library operations on 7x24 hour basis, is necessary.

Desirable: Possession of a valid driving license would be desirable.

Remuneration: A total annual remuneration including salary and gratuity in the range \$194,367 - \$220,825 is payable to the appointee. The University also provides subsidized housing to its employees.

Applications: Applications clearly addressing each aspect of the Position Responsibilities given above, and the qualification and experience requirements, are to be sent to: sinu.recruitment@sinu.edu.sb and hardcopy applications to: Director of Human Resources, Solomon Islands National University, P. O. Box R113, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

For further details on the position, please contact: Director of Human Resources on Director.HR@sinu.edu.sb

Closing Date: 30 September 2020



Career Opportunity

SINU seeks to recruit a **University Academic Registrar**. This position consolidates and expands the scope of the earlier position of Manager, SAS.

Title	University Academic Registrar
Institute/Department	Office of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Category	Senior Management
Reports to	PVC Academic
Location/Campus	Kukum Campus
Direct reports	Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)

Position Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the appointee are to ensure that all student and academic services and activities are well-planned, coordinated and executed, in compliance with University policies; that all policies relating to the activities of the Academic Office (Academic Policies, Programme Development and Reviews, Examinations, Assessments, Student Result Management, Graduations, Student Records, Student Conduct Regulations, and Student Space Management) are effectively implemented and regularly reviewed; and that all documents before the University Senate and decision making are compliant with University policies and always remain at the standard required of a reputable university.

Scope of Work

Detailed scope of work is given in the Job Description available of SINU website: <http://www.sinu.edu.sb/hrd/job/>

Minimum Qualification and Experience Requirements:

A PhD in any field which emphasizes quantitative analysis and logical thinking with 2 years of work experience in an academic setting (including University teaching and/or research), OR

A Masters in a field of study which emphasizes quantitative analysis and logical thinking with a minimum of 6 years of work experience at a senior academic rank (including university teaching & research).

In exceptional circumstances, applicants who do not have the above MQRs, but have at least 15 years of demonstrated high quality academic administration experience of which at least 8 years is at the senior rank, may be considered.

Other essential requirements are: Ability to work under pressure; demonstrated experience in rapid turnaround of high quality documents; ability to work long hours and in the weekends or public holidays; ability to travel at short notices on university business; excellent data analysis skills (including high degree of proficiency in MSExcel); excellent IT skills, and excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Desirable: Possession of a valid driving license would be desirable.

Remuneration: A total annual remuneration including salary and gratuity in the General Support Services Manager grade of \$164,970 - \$176,729 are payable to the appointee.

Applications: Applications clearly addressing each aspect of the Position Responsibilities given above, and the qualification and experience requirements, are to be sent to: sinu.recruitment@sinu.edu.sb and hardcopy applications to: Director of Human Resources, Solomon Islands National University, P. O. Box R113, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

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Career Opportunity [Re-advertised]

SINU seeks to recruit a new graduate to provide support to the HR team in the Records. These is short term positions of up to one year.

Vacancy No	Position Title	Department/School
HR33/2020	HR Assistant – Records	Human Resource Dept.

Interested applicants can contact the Director of Human Resource for a detailed Job Description, Terms and Conditions, and an application pack, through email Director.HR@sinu.edu.sb. Alternatively these can be downloaded from the SINU website at <http://www.sinu.edu.sb/hrd/job/>

All Applications must be typed, and:

1. Include a cover letter.
2. Applications should address the selection criteria (as per the 'person specifications' in the JD).
3. A resumè or curriculum vitae that includes personal qualification and work experience details.
4. Certified Copies of certificates and/or transcripts - uncertified copies of certificates or transcripts will not be considered.
5. Names and contact details of two (2) professional referees.

Minimum Qualification Requirement: These positions require an excellent Bachelor's degree in any field which emphasizes quantitative analysis and logical thinking. New graduates with excellent grades in Maths, Statistics, IT, IS, Finance, Economics, Accounting or the Sciences (Chemistry, Biology, Physics) who wish to make the growing area of HR their career choice, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Other Requirements: Ability to work under pressure; ability to work long hours, and in the weekends or public holidays without demands for additional remuneration; ability to travel at short notices on university business; excellent data analysis skills (including high degree of proficiency in MSExcel); and excellent written and verbal communication skills are required.

Desirable: Possession of a valid driving license would be desirable

Remuneration: A Salary in the technical support services (TSS) stream at the Assistant Officer range of (SBD41,199-SBD64,206 gross) is payable to graduates in the listed areas.

Medical and Police Clearance: Successful applicants may be asked to produce a police clearance and medical certificate prior to taking up the position.

Only successful candidates will be contacted.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

All completed applications must emailed to: Director.HR@sinu.edu.sb OR sinu.recruitment@sinu.edu.sb

The closing date for the above position is: **30 September 2020.**

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Our Mission: "Championing the pursuit of knowledge, skills, academic inquiry and applied research to transform lives through higher education and training, inclusive of diverse communities, while providing relevant solutions for the Solomon Islands."