

# OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

WANTED: VOLUNTEER RESEARCH ASSISTANT



## About the Project:

Reem Al Mealla, a PhD candidate and part of the Coral Reef Research Unit at the University of Essex, is currently looking for one to two volunteers to help conduct dive surveys in Bahrain to examine the health of coral reefs through assessing the carbonate budget production and erosion in May 2017 along with some genetic studies. This fieldwork is part of Reem's thesis project focused on understanding whether coral reefs in Bahrain harbour a symbiotic partnership that will enable regional reef accretion in a future predicted to overcome global reef bleaching. The ideal candidate is someone with a background in environmental sciences or related fields interested in coral reef ecology and looking to gain some research/field experience.

## Does this Sound Appealing?

**Work commitment:**  
10 days of field work in May 2017. From Monday – Sunday starting early morning until late evening. Exact time and day may vary depending on tides and winds.

**Requirements:**

- Must be a certified PADI Diver
- Must have a minimum of 50 dives logged
- Must be able to be flexible, a team player and be able to follow instructions as given
- Must be physically fit to undertake the required work underwater

**Desirable but not necessary:**

- Personal scuba gear
- Coral and Fish identification skills
- Experience conducting scuba surveys
- Experience in recording underwater videos and underwater photography



## NB: Position is Unpaid & is Voluntary based



**Symbiotic  
relationship**



You give me your time, commitment, good energy, flexibility and dashing humorous self!

In return for your time, I will train you on conducting underwater (scuba) surveys, basic coral and fish identification, teach you about the various techniques that are used to assess coral reef health and you be contributing towards collecting data for a project that has never been conducted in the country before - best deal you'll ever get in Bahrain so far when it comes to conservation!



## Interested? Get in Touch!

If interested please email Reem at [rksalm@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rksalm@essex.ac.uk) with your CV and a one page motivational statement. Please make sure to include your name, contact information, dive experience/qualifications, coral and fish ID skills, any other relevant skills or certifications and motivation to be involved with this project. For more information on this volunteer opportunity get in touch with Reem via email.