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<i>Ref.</i> IITA-HR-NRS2016-041	<i>Position Title:</i> Research Supervisor (Cassava Seed Health)
<i>Location:</i> Ibadan	<i>Recruitment Type:</i> National (2-year renewable contract)
<i>Date Posted:</i> 26 th August 2016	<i>Closing Date:</i> 9 th September 2016

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture seeks suitable Nigerian for the positions below at the Institute's Headquarters, Ibadan.

Position	Responsibilities	Qualification
<p>Research Supervisor (Cassava Seed Health)</p> <p>(2 Year Renewable Contract)</p> <p>Ref. IITA-HR-NRS2016-041B</p>	<p>Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the inspection surveys for cassava pest and disease incidence in the seed multiplication plots in the fields and under greenhouse conditions; • Assist in collection of samples for health assessment and indexing; • Assist in testing of field grown and in vitro cassava for pathogens (mainly viruses and bacteria) using ELISA, PCR, LAMP and other diagnostic methods; • Assist in the selection of healthy planting material for propagation; • Involves in organizing and monitoring of cassava seed degeneration trial; • Assist in providing technical backstopping to seed quality inspections; • Assist in collection and analyzing of field and laboratory data including preparation of quality technical reports. 	<p>BSc/HND in Plant Science, Crop production, Agricultural Extension, Biochemistry, Breeding/Agronomy, or related disciplines with 2 years' experience performing similar role.</p> <p>Competencies</p> <p>The ideal candidate must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good knowledge on plant pathology; theory and application of diagnostic methods (such as ELISA and PCR); vegetative propagation of crops; concepts of plant disease control; production of healthy planting material; and seed quality certification. • Demonstrable supervisory experience (lab/field). • Working experience (desired) on application of ELISA and PCR-based methods / propagation of clonally propagated crops (such as cassava) / conducting field surveys / managing experiments in the greenhouse or fields/indexing and seed quality testing. • Passion and commitment for academic excellence. • Computer literacy, data organization and analysis

		<p>skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good capability and readiness to travel independently within Nigeria, and work in the fields. • Good coping skills heavy intermittent workloads extending beyond office hours and during weekends • Ability to learn new skills, quickly adapt and apply new methods. • Ability to interpret data and prepare good technical reports. • Very good interpersonal and communication skills. • Ability to work harmoniously in an interdisciplinary team with an international and intercultural background.
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REMUNERATION:

We offer highly competitive salary with equally attractive benefits and excellent working conditions in a pleasant campus environment.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Interested applicants should complete the online application attaching detailed curriculum vitae and cover letter saved with their names in Microsoft word format to IITA website: <http://www.iita.org/careers> no later than Two Weeks from the date of this publication. The application must include the names and e-mail addresses of three professional referees which must include the applicant's current or previous direct Supervisor, professional colleague and evidence of current remuneration package.

IITA is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from female candidates.