



**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA)**  
**JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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**ADVERTISEMENT**

<i>Ref.</i> IITA-HR-NRS2015-040	<i>Position Title:</i> Research Assistant, Driver, Driver/Fieldworker
<i>Location:</i> Ibadan, Abuja	<i>Recruitment Type:</i> National (1-year renewable contract)
<i>Date Posted:</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	<i>Closing Date:</i> 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2015

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture seeks suitable candidates for the positions below at the Institute's Headquarters in Ibadan and its Abuja station.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Position/Responsibilities</b>	<b>Qualification, Experience and Skills</b>
<b>Research Assistant</b>  <b>1 year renewable contract</b>  <b>(Abuja)</b>	<p>Successful candidate will among other things perform the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assists yam breeder in the implementation of crossing block, generation of seedling and tuber progenies, clonal selection and field experiments including nursery and trial planting material preparation and management;</li> <li>Plant pollination, screening and yield trial plots in screen house or field as needed;</li> <li>Make crosses/pollination, harvest, process and store true seeds from crossing block;</li> <li>Assists breeder in selecting best families and clones from different types of crosses, improves population, and maintain progenitors and breeding stocks;</li> <li>Manage field trials assist in trial material seed increase as needed;</li> <li>Supervise and train casual/temporary workers for screen house and field trials</li> <li>Assist harvesting of trials, process and storage of tubers;</li> <li>Distribute germplasm to partners and maintain record of distribution as</li> </ul>	<p><b>Qualification</b></p> <p>BSc Plant science/Biology preferable with specialization in plant breeding or genetics  Minimum two (2) years' experience in crop improvement research preferably with clonally propagated crops or yam</p> <p><b>The ideal candidate must have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent knowledge of data management and statistical software programs.</li> <li>Excellent knowledge of data management and statistical software programs.</li> <li>Experience or good knowledge of working screen house, technical maintenance and crop management.</li> <li>Demonstrated success in working</li> </ul>

	<p>needed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect data from field and screen house trials with appropriate data capturing tools, prepare field book with appropriate tools, stacks data and imports into Yam data management system;</li> <li>• Input data into field data software as needed and assist with plot randomizations and trial preparation for all plots;</li> <li>• Perform all other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor;</li> </ul>	<p>with multi-disciplinary teams and partnerships in research or project implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive, innovative and creative attitudes.</li> <li>• Excellent social skills, collaborative style, and ability to multi-task effectively.</li> <li>• Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English are required.</li> </ul>
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#### **REMUNERATION:**

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

#### **METHOD OF APPLICATION:**

Interested applicants should forward their applications with detailed curriculum vitae 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 either the Head of applicant's current or previous organization or applicant's direct Supervisor/Superior officer at work and evidence of current remuneration package.

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