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Ref:IITA-HR-NRS2017-0017	Positions:
	<b>Research Technician I (Trait Evaluation)</b>
Locations: Ibadan	Recruitment Type: National (3-year renewable contract)
Date Posted: 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Closing Date: 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture seeks suitable Nigerian for the position below at the Institute's headquarters in Ibadan.

Position	Responsibilities	Qualification
<b>Research Technician I (Trait Evaluation)</b>  IITA-HR-NRS2017-017C	<p>Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Senior Research Support Officer, International Trials Manager and scientist of the yam breeding unit in trait evaluation to generate high quality data and ensure project goals are accomplished;</li> <li>• Carry out field, screen house and / or laboratory activities to determine agronomic, resistance (disease and pest) and quality attributes;</li> <li>• Assist in the evaluation of agronomic traits, resistance to diseases and nematodes, and quality attributes within the Yam breeding unit to identify breeding clones with improved characteristics;</li> <li>• Collect field, screen house and lab data using electronic devices and data management software;</li> <li>• Assist with all research activities in yam breeding unit;</li> <li>• Assist with preparation of fields and screen houses for planting;</li> <li>• Assist with maintenance of field plots</li> </ul>	<p>ND in Science Laboratory Technology, General Agriculture with at least two (2) years' relevant experience performing similar role</p> <p><b>Competencies:</b></p> <p>Ideal Candidate must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied knowledge in agronomy, crop breeding and genetics, plant pathology, post-harvest storage, crop quality, and screen house nursery / field trial management.</li> <li>• Excellent knowledge of data collection software programs.</li> <li>• Demonstrated success in working in multi-disciplinary projects.</li> </ul>

	<p>and screen houses, including fertilizer application, spraying of herbicides and tillage for weed control, spraying of insecticides in screen houses, and supervision of casuals;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in harvesting of yam and maintenance of yam storage facilities;</li> <li>• Assist graduate students on research projects as required;</li> <li>• Maintain working areas for Yam breeding unit in clean and organized manner;</li> <li>• Follow Unit's quality standards and strive for continuous improvement of performance and efficiency in the Unit;</li> <li>• Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent communication and inter-personal skills and ability to multi-task effectively.</li> <li>• Excellent ability to follow instructions. Proactive, innovative and creative attitudes and ability to learn new skills quickly.</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 benefits and excellent working conditions in a pleasant campus environment.

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

Interested applicants should complete the online application attaching 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 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.**