

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## **JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

<i>Date Posted:</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>
<i>Closing Date:</i>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>
<i>Duty Station:</i>	<b>Lagos State</b>
<i>Contract Type:</i>	<b>One-Year Renewable Contract</b>

Michigan State University, USA seeks a dynamic, experienced project manager to serve as Country Coordinator for a new 5-year program to expand youth entrepreneurship and employment in Nigeria. Ag Youth Lab will focus on major food shed areas in Oyo, Ogun and Osun States. The primary objective is to assist more than 10,000 unemployed, out-of-school, disadvantaged youth ages 18 to 24 to access higher-wage jobs or start their own businesses in high-potential horticulture, aquaculture, poultry, cassava or oilseeds sectors. The program will aim for equal representation of young men and women across its programs

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the Michigan State University invites applications for the following positions:

**Position Title:**  
**Nigeria Country Coordinator, Ag Youth Lab Program**

**Duties:**

- Serve as MSU Ag Youth Lab representative in Nigeria on behalf of the US-based Ag Youth Lab Director.
- Provide program leadership, coordinating Ag Youth Lab Nigeria-based training partners and managing program task flow and results.
- Oversee the development and implementation of the Ag Youth Lab E-platform by the Ag Youth Lab Nigeria-based IT partner.
- Develop partnerships with key private and public sector leaders and organizations related to youth employment and agribusiness, including non-profit organizations and educational institutions.
- Manage technical programs, human resources, and project funds in accordance with MSU and funding agency requirements.
- Manage the MSU project office and oversee financial/administrative and business liaison staff.
- Organize regular calls and meetings of country partners.
- Organize stakeholder meetings to gather input for Ag Youth Lab and share research and implementation results.
- Provide advice and strong support to the research, M&E, and associated data collection activities of visiting MSU faculty and students working with Ag Youth Lab. Advise and provide staff support for program development and logistics
- Drive the development and implementation of an overall project communication strategy for Nigeria, including a campaign to generate youth interest in agrifood employment and entrepreneurship, using print, broadcast and electronic media.

**Education and Experience**

- A Bachelor's degree in a business or agriculture-related field is required. A Master's degree is an advantage.
- Three to five years of experience in project management. Experience with international donor-funded projects is a plus.
- Previous experience in the agribusiness sector is desirable.
- Demonstrated ability to lead teams.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Strong verbal and written communications skills.
- Excellent knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet software.
- Three professional references should be provided with the application.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION:**

Interested applicants should complete the online application at IITA website: <http://www.iita.org/careers> attaching their cover letter with detailed curriculum vitae saved in a single file in Microsoft Word format 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.