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Ref:IITA-HR-NRS2017-0023	Positions: <b>Research Assistant</b>
Locations: Ibadan & Abuja	Recruitment Type: National (1-2 year renewable contract)
Date Posted: 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Closing Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

<b>Positions</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
<p><b>Research Assistant</b></p> <p>(2 year renewable contract)            IITA-HR-NRS2017-0023D            (Abuja)</p>	<p>Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:</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 (Yambase).</li> <li>• Input data into field data software as needed and assist with plot randomizations and trial preparation for all plots</li> <li>• Responsible for training of support staff and technicians at project partner locations in quality data management and disease phenotyping.</li> <li>• Assist 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. Distribute germplasm to partners and maintain record of distribution as needed.</li> </ul>	<p>HND/BSc in Plant science/Biology or related field with minimum of two (2) years’ experience in crop improvement research preferably with clonally propagated crops or yam</p> <p><b>Competencies</b></p> <p>The ideal candidate must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied knowledge in crop breeding and genetics, experimental design, crossing, screen house nursery and field trial management.</li> <li>• Excellent knowledge of data management and statistical software programs.</li> <li>• Demonstrated success in working with multi-disciplinary teams and partnerships in research or project implementation.</li> <li>• Excellent social skills,</li> </ul>

	<p>Make crosses/pollination, harvest, process and store true seeds from crossing block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assists breeder in selecting best families and clones from different types of crosses, improves population, and maintain progenitors and breeding stocks.</li> <li>• Perform other duties assigned by Supervisor.</li> </ul>	<p>collaborative style, and ability to multi-task effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive, innovative and creative attitude. 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 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.

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