



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA)
JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Ref:IITA-HR-NRS2018-0021	Position: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Associate
Location: Ibadan	Recruitment Type: National (2-year renewable contract)
Date Posted: 27 th July 2018	Closing Date: 10 th August 2018

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

Position: Research Associate

Contract: 2-year renewable contract

Location: Ibadan

DUTIES:

Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:

- Supervise all field research activities for our savannas, mid-altitude and savanna-transitional zone breeding operations, including field layout, fertilizer application, planting, data collection, and harvest;
- Visit all testing sites as required for effective supervision of trial and nursery management;
- Organize required inputs, materials and supplies for all testing sites and hire and pay casual labor for various field operations;
- Supervise handling of germplasm in the breeding nursery, including planting, hand-pollinations, and data collection;
- Assist scientists in keeping pedigree records and during selections of breeding materials in the various nurseries;
- Supervise the multiplication of seeds of open-pollinated varieties, inbred lines and hybrids;
- Supervise junior staff and assist the scientist in appraising their performance at the end of the year;
- Assist in collating data, running statistical analysis, conducting literature search, and preparation of reports;
- Assist in managing special projects, including breeding for drought tolerance, resistance to aflatoxin contamination, increases protein quality (QPM), as well as high mineral and pro-vitamin A content;
- Supervise screening of maize germplasm for quality protein under the light box in the laboratory;
- Assist graduate students on research projects as required;
- Assist scientists to maintain strict control of budget expenditures and casual labor employment;
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

QUALIFICATION:

MSc in Agriculture, Plant breeding, Crop breeding, or related fields with minimum of five (5) years' experience performing similar or related role in a structured organization.

COMPETENCIES:

The ideal candidate must:

- Experience using statistical software packages.
- Excellent spoken and written communication skill.
- Ability to work independently and pay close to attention to details.
- Good interpersonal skills, high energy and ability to multitask.
- Ability to travel when needs be

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 cover letter and curriculum vitae saved with their names in Microsoft word format to IITA website: <http://www.iita.org/about/jobs/> 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.