Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead for the Nigerian National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey (Ref. No: DDG-R4D/BAL/NFC/MS/02/20)

**Background:** The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) invites applications for the internationally recruited position of **Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead for the Nigerian National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey.**

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa’s most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit [http://www.iita.org/](http://www.iita.org/) for more information on IITA.

**Position Responsibilities**

The Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead will be based at IITA, the NFCMS coordinating office in Ibadan, Oyo State and will:

- Lead, plan, coordinate and supervise all activities related to biomarker and anthropometry for the survey.
- Report to the overall survey coordinator.
- Lead and coordinate with eHealthAfrica and participate in identifying and evaluating capacities of local laboratories to effectively carry out all assigned lab analysis.
- Work closely with eHealthAfrica and OPM in the identification of appropriate laboratory supplies and equipment and storage space as required by the survey.
- Coordinate with eHealthAfrica and assist with cold-chain storage space as required by the survey.
- Supervise and work closely with the sub-awardee (eHealthAfrica and Oxford Policy Management (OPM)) in planning and implementing the sample movement process.
- Lead the development of training manuals and the delivery of training to field teams.
- Lead and coordinate with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), eHealthAfrica and OPM training and piloting for the biomarker and anthropometry field teams.
- Lead and oversee coordination of field operations, provide support in the management of the sub-awardees.
- Communicate progress on important aspects of the survey prior to survey training, during training, piloting, implementation, and post survey activities.
- Lead in the development of a data analysis plan for the biomarker and anthropometry component of the survey, data-cleaning and drafting of reports.
- Perform any duties assigned by the supervisor.

**Educational Qualifications**

The candidate should have a finalised PhD degree in Nutrition or Public Health or related fields.
Core Competencies

- At least five years of field-based work and experience in large scale surveys involved in bio-sample data collection in developing countries.
- Demonstrated ability to be collaborative across activities while utilizing strong communications and interpersonal skills, with evidence of the ability to productively interact with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated capacity to manage complex teams, including problem solving skills, and capacity to meet deadlines and deliver quality deliverables to meet objectives.
- Very strong written and verbal communication skills (proficiency in English).
- 10 years of significant related international experience to successfully achieve meaningful and sustainable results.
- Ability to translate technical material into practical tools and guidance materials
- Previous working experience in an international organization and/or in a complex or multi-faceted environment
- Competence in quantitative analysis, with the ability to present patterns in data with both statistical rigor and simplicity to non-specialist audiences
- Visual creativity, including design of slides and diagrams and excellent presentation skills
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Reliable, timely, delivery-oriented working style.
- Capacity to foster effective, trusting, collaborative relationships, within the coordinating office, but also with external stakeholders.
- Fast learner with curiosity and appetite to take on challenging tasks personally.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision on specific tasks.

Duty Station: IITA Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria

General information: The contract will be for an initial period of two years. IITA offers an internationally competitive remuneration package paid in US Dollars.

Applications: Applications must include covering letter which should address how the candidate’s background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three professional referees (which must include either the Head of the applicant’s current or previous organization or applicant’s direct Supervisor/Superior at his/her present or former place of work). The application should be addressed to the Head, Human Resources Service. Please complete our online application form using this link: http://www.iita.org/careers

Closing Date: 1st April 2020

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

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.