



**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA)
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT**

Ref: IITA-HR-NRS2021-015	Position: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Manager (Yam multiplication)
Location: Ibadan	Recruitment Type: National (2-year renewable contract)
Date Posted: 23 April 2021	Closing Date: 7 May 2021

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

Position: Field Manager (Yam multiplication)

Contract: 2-year renewable contract

Location: Ibadan

DUTIES:

Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:

- Support scientists of AfricaYam II project and Yam Breeding unit in the multiplication of true-to-type, disease and pest-free yam to ensure project goals are accomplished using high quality planting materials
- Integrate new technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness of operations including mechanization, bar-coding, electronic data collection and management, high-throughput phenotyping and rapid multiplication techniques.
- Provide technical support, capacity development and training to the project.
- Contribute to the development and dissemination of training document (Flyer, newsletters, posters, training manuals etc.).
- Collect, collate and summarize field, screen house and lab data using electronic devices and management software to prepare report, monitor multiplication rate and maintain accurate inventories.
- Liaise with other units for pathogen and pest testing and to obtain phytosanitary certificates for tubers or plantlets to be distributed to partners.
- Coordinate with Germplasm Health Unit and Genetic Resource Centre staff to establish and maintain virus-free stocks of yam for back-up, multiplication, and distribution of breeding materials.
- Supervise and coordinate the implementation of the weekly plan for research technicians and field/screen house assistants.

- Prepare protocol for the multiplication of seedling, vine-cutting and tubers in screen house or field and supervise the implementation of these protocols.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned the Project Leader.

QUALIFICATION:

Master's in Plant Science or related fields with minimum of five (5) years' relevant experience in a well-structured organization.

COMPETENCIES:

The ideal candidate must:

- Be experienced in Semi Autotrophic Hydroponics and high ratio propagation of clonal crops.

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://jobs.iita.org/erecruit> 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.

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