



## **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA) NRS VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022.**

IITA-Uganda station seeks to recruit a Research Associate to work on the Pre-Breeding Research Activities, based at Sendudu -Namulonge Station.

Category: NRS.

Contract duration: 2 years, renewable

### **Job advertisements. IITA/UGA/2022/02**

- **Position Title:** Research Associate - ABBB.
- **Duty Station:** Sendusu- Namulonge Station
- Category – NRS
- Status: Local position
- **Project:** Accelerated Breeding of Better Bananas – ABBB (BBN)

**Reports to/Supervisor:** Molecular Breeder

### **Job description: Pre-Breeding Research Associate**

- Coordinate banana pre-breeding activities
- Design and manage trials and experiments
- Work with the Pathology team to phenotype the pre-breeding populations for pests and diseases
- Supervise field and laboratory operations, data collection and analysis, synthesis, and writing of reports
- Work with the data technician to clean the data, format them and work with the Musabase curator to upload the data to Musabase
- Coordinate and supervise field and lab research assistants, research technicians, casuals, interns, and trainees
- Liaise with the lab/field technicians from other stations for the easy flow of communication
- Supervise the writing and validation of Pre-Breeding SOPs
- Contribute to internal monthly IITA Hub reporting, monthly/ quarterly/ annual donor technical and financial reports, and trip reporting from all field activities
- Other duties assigned by supervisor.

**Required qualifications and skills Required:**

- M.Sc. degree in Crop Science or related field, with a specialization in Plant/Molecular breeding.
- Field and laboratory research experience in plant breeding
- Knowledge of experimental designs and statistical methods
- Experience working with molecular markers in research and/or application
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Computer proficiency including MS Office (Word/ PowerPoint, excel) and at least one statistical software
- Ability to complete multiple tasks under pressure and work in a multi-cultural team environment
- Experience working with banana research is an advantage

**Applications:** Applications which must include covering letter, photocopies of academic documents, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three referees, and a letter from each referee, should be sent online, addressed to: The Country Representative, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) – Uganda. P.O Box 7878, Kampala, If you are interested candidate, please visit [www.iita.org](http://www.iita.org) and click on jobs for details. *Please indicate the job you are applying for on the subject line.*

**Closing Date: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Because of the high numbers of applications, only ***shortlisted candidates will be contacted.***