

Invites Applications for the following positions:

1. **Project Manager / Technology Uptake Specialist (Ghana, Mali and Nigeria)** from a dynamic and highly innovative **Project Manager/ Technology Uptake Specialist** to coordinate research activities on groundnut technology uptake and diffusion in Ghana, Mali and Nigeria. This is an internationally recruited staff position in the Senior Scientist cadre of ICRISAT, and will be based at ICRISAT, Bamako, Mali and will work within the Grain Legumes Research Program.

Profile:

- PhD in Agricultural extension, Rural Development, Seed technology, agricultural economics, Agricultural Sciences, agronomy, natural resource management, plant breeding, crop protection, , or related social sciences, with at least 7 years of experience in agricultural advisory service provision/extension, community-driven development, rural livelihoods, technology exchange, institutional development, gender and poverty analysis with relevant work experience in developing countries.
- Knowledge of farming systems in sub-Saharan Africa (preferably WCA)
- Experience with seed systems, seed delivery and market linkages will be desirable
- Strong leadership skills in managing donor funded projects with excellent track records of previously managed projects and proven record of negotiation skills and project coordination experiences. Strong Experience in working with a wide range of stakeholders and partners including National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems (NARES), NGOs, Farmer organizations.
- Applicants should have excellent communication skills in spoken and written English and French, including a record of international peer-reviewed publications.
- Conceptual and report writing skills; computer and word processing skills, and knowledge on basic statistical tools and software are essential.
- Experience with working in interdisciplinary team environment and willingness to contribute to team work
- Willingness to travel extensively within the WCA region and internationally •
- Undertake any other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by the Director, WCA

2. Three Country Project Managers

- a. **Country Project Manager** to be based in Ghana
- b. **Country Project Manager** to be based in Mali
- c. **Country Project Manager** to be based in Nigeria

For the USAID-funded project entitled “Increasing Groundnut Productivity of Smallholder Farmers”. These are internationally recruited staff positions in the Scientist cadre of ICRISAT

Profile:

- PhD in Agricultural extension, Rural Development, Seed technology, agricultural economics, Agricultural Sciences, agronomy, farming systems, natural resources management, plant breeding or related disciplines;
- At least 5 years of experience in agricultural advisory service provision/extension, community-driven development, rural livelihoods, technology exchange, institutional development, gender and poverty analysis with relevant work experience in developing countries.
- Good skills in participatory action research and smallholder farming systems in West Africa, and the use of research to achieving development outcomes;
- Ability to work independently, manage multiple tasks with diverse multidisciplinary and multicultural teams;
- Demonstrated strong analytical and excellent writing skills, and ability to publish in peer reviewed international journals;
- Excellent communication skills and fluency in English are essential for the three countries. Fluency in French is highly desirable for Mali.
- Undertake any other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by the supervisors

All these positions are initially for three years, and extendable depending on performance of the incumbent and funding availability

For more details on all these positions and job opportunities at ICRISAT, please visit our website: <http://www.icrisat.org/>

For each of the positions, applications with a letter of motivation, a full Curriculum Vitae (with age, nationality, marital status), and the names and contact information of three references that are knowledgeable of the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience should be submitted **on or before 20th January, 2015**, using the following link: ICRISATjobs@cgiar.org

ICRISAT is an equal opportunity employer and is especially interested in increasing the participation of women on its staff. ICRISAT has a flexible approach to international appointments and welcomes dual-career couples.

All applications will be acknowledged, however only short listed candidates will be contacted.