



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Research assistant – soil laboratory manager
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The Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) is seeking a highly qualified **research assistant – soil laboratory manager** to be based at AfricaRice’s 700 ha experimental station at M’bé, near Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire.

About AfricaRice

AfricaRice is a leading Pan – African rice research organization committed to improving the livelihoods in Africa through strong science and effective partnerships. AfricaRice is one of the 15 international agricultural research centers that are members of the CGIAR System Organization. It is also an Intergovernmental association of African member countries. Its membership comprises of 26 countries, covering West, Central, East and North African regions.

Responsibilities

Under the overall guidance and supervision of the rice agronomist, the **research assistant -soil laboratory manager** will manage the soil and plant laboratory in M’be station. Furthermore, he or she performs the following tasks that include but no limited:

1. Coordinate and conduct laboratory analyses related to soils and plant nutrition
2. Maintain laboratory equipment to the highest quality standards
3. Develop and maintain standard laboratory operational procedures, and effective data management systems
4. Undertake statistical analyses using data collected in the lab and interpret results of the analyses
5. Implement the Centre’s risk assessment and risk management practices as related to laboratory work
6. Contribute to the Centre’s capacity building efforts and backstop students, trainees and national partners

Qualifications /Selection Criteria

Education: Master in soil science, agronomy plant nutrition or related field.

Work Experience: More than five relevant worked experience in this position, preferably related to rice research.

Knowledge and Key Competencies:

- Strong analytical skills.
- Ability to conduct independent work with a minimum supervision.
- Ability to work in a multicultural team.
- Excellent communication skills, orally and written.
- Ability to take initiative

Language

The candidate should communicate fluently (orally and in writing) in English or French with a good working knowledge of the other language.

Terms and Conditions

- This is an regionally recruited position.
- AfricaRice provides an attractive salary and benefits package and a collegial and gender-sensitive working environment.
- The initial appointment is for two years with renewal of contract possibility.

Application procedure

Expressions of interest (a full CV + supporting statement) including the names and addresses (telephone / fax / email) of three referees should be submitted.

To apply for this position, please send your applications to africaricehr@cgiar.org with the following mention in subject: “**Recruitment process – Research assistant**”.

Applications will be considered until **Sunday, April 22, 2018**.

AfricaRice is an equal opportunity employer. We believe that staff diversity promotes excellence in our operations and particularly welcome qualified applications from women, people living with disabilities and developing countries.

AfricaRice thanks all applicants but only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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