



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Assistant for agronomy

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The Africa Rice Centre (AfricaRice) is seeking a highly qualified **Research Assistant - Agronomy** to be based at **AfricaRice, Saint-Louis**.

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 centres that are members of the CGIAR System Organization (CSO). 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 Agronomist, Research Assistant - Agronomy will be responsible for the following main functions:

1. Contribute to development of research protocols;
2. Setup field experimentations and surveys following the protocols agreed;
3. Manage field experiments and collect reliable data related to weather, the soil, the irrigation water and the crop;
4. Process samples, measure them, and conserve them in suitable conditions for future use;
5. Supervise casual laborers;
6. Enter and manage experimental and survey data, perform standard statistical analyses, and report on time;
7. Perform other duties as requested by the supervisors.

Qualifications/Selection Criteria

Education: At least a Master degree in agronomy

Work Experience: More than 1 year of relevant working experience in agronomic research or in similar field.

Key Competencies Required: Proven computer literacy especially in the use of Microsoft Excel, Word, Capacity to conduct independent work with a minimum supervision and the ability to take initiatives, Good organization and management skills Good interpersonal and communication skills (both oral and written) in both French and English

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 a **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 the possibility for renewal.
- The normal retirement age for regionally recruited staff at AfricaRice is 60.

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 africarice-hr@cgiar.org with the following mention in subject: “**Recruitment process - research assistant for agronomy**”.

Applications will be considered until **Friday, September 08, 2017**.

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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www.AfricaRice.org