



NUTRITIONAL FACILITATOR

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is one of 15 not-for-profit Centers funded mainly by various countries, private foundations, international and regional organizations that make up the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Through its research activities, CIAT aims to achieve a more eco-efficient agriculture at the service of the less privileged rural farming communities of Latin America and the tropical world. CIAT research is organized in three major areas: (1) improved crops for the poor, (2) improved soil fertility management, and (3) Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

CIAT is seeking applications for the new position of Nutritional Facilitator to be based at its regional office in Lilongwe, Malawi. The position will seek to strength the efforts in implementing the new phase of the Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA), an alliance founded in 1996 as a consortium of African-owned regional bean networks, consisting of National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) in a total of 24 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, an international research organization (CIAT), and a number of donor organizations.

Responsibilities

Specific activities relate to:

- Assist research studies in the areas of human nutrition and food technology associated with beans and bean-based products within PABRA.
- Develop rigorous research designs, monitoring, and evaluation of strategies for nutrition and health related research.
- Strengthen partnerships in the Southern Africa region to further the PABRA nutrition agenda.
- Facilitate overall integration of agricultural technologies into community-based nutrition support systems for combating malnutrition.
- Provide technical support and capacity building to relevant partners to facilitate technology uptake and utilization.
- Support the Regional Coordinator in the development of projects with a nutritional component.

Requirements

- MSc or MPH in related fields.
- At least 3 years of research and development experience in community-based nutrition programming and related research. Substantial field experience.
- Excellent written and spoken English. Good command of Portuguese is an added advantage.

Terms of employment

The position is internationally recruited under the Research Fellow category and will report to the Regional Coordinator for Africa and to the SABRN Coordinator. The contract will initially be for a 2-year period, renewable subject to assessment of performance. CIAT offers internationally competitive salary and benefits, is an equal opportunity employer, and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality. Women and candidates from Latin America, Africa, and Asia are particularly encouraged to apply.

Closing date for applications: 30 October 2009. Applicants should apply by email, including a cover letter, a full C.V., and the names and contact information of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience. Applications should be sent to Dr. Robin Buruchara at R.buruchara@cgiar.org and to Dr. Rowland Chirwa at R.chirwa@cgiar.org. All applications will be acknowledged; only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

We invite you to learn more about CIAT and PABRA by accessing the websites at www.ciat.cgiar.org and www.pabra.org, respectively.