



Research Associate – Genetic Diversity Conservation

Bioversity International is a global research-for-development organization. Our vision is that agricultural biodiversity nourishes people and sustains the planet. We deliver scientific evidence, management practices and policy options to use and safeguard agricultural biodiversity to attain sustainable global food and nutrition security. We work with partners in low-income countries in different regions where agricultural biodiversity can contribute to improved nutrition, resilience, productivity and climate change adaptation.

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Purpose of the role

Bioversity International seeks applications from Indian nationals for **Research Associate – Genetic Diversity Conservation and Use** to be based at Bioversity, Bengaluru Office c/o College of Horticulture, Bengaluru, India. This positions report to the Liaison Officer, Bioversity International, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Key Responsibilities:

- To conduct and coordinate participatory and formal research on the identification, use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity in different ecosystems of the region;
- Organize, supervise and participate in the implementation of field activities related to household baseline studies, studies of seed and market systems and developing farmers' experimental and innovation networks across relevant project sites and coordinate related logistical support activities;
- Develop concept notes, project proposal related to agrobiodiversity conservation and its utilization for improving the livelihoods of people.
- Conduct phytogeographical exploratory survey to identify and characterize Agri/Horti biodiversity and develop descriptors/DUS guidelines for the identified Agri/Horti species, landraces, wild relatives etc.
- Oversee and monitor data gathering and data entry into data bases and carry out advanced data analysis;
- Develop and manage budgets for field activities to support timely completion of research tasks;
- Develop and maintain effective relations with national partner from research institutes, NGOs, local institutions, communities and farmers to implement project activities in a proactive way;
- Prepare technical reports and coordinate the compilation of financial reports and ensure their timely submission;

- Contribute to other tasks as required and assigned by Liaison Officer / Regional Representative.

Essential qualifications and competencies:

- Ph.D. in agricultural sciences, plant breeding, Botany, Taxonomy, Horticulture with at least 2 years of experience in relevant fields including experience in field work, with strong farmer interactions, particularly in implementing surveys and interacting with households and other actors at the community level.
- Knowledge of basic statistical methods and tools.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and team work skills including the ability to effectively interact with people at all levels and work effectively in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment.
- Fluency in English and local languages to interact with farmers and communities across project sites; knowledge of additional local languages will be highly desirable.
- Strong analytical and synthesizing skills including the ability to write clear and concise scientific documents and research proposals.
- Publication record in peer-reviewed international and regional technical journals.

Compensation:

Bioversity offers attractive all-inclusive lump sum compensation. The position is initially for one year with a probationary period of 3 months and extendable depending on performance of the incumbent and availability of funds.

How to Apply:

Applications: Please send an up-to-date CV with three of referees by **email** to Mr Madan T K, Country Manager, Bioversity-India at t.madan@cgiar.org stating your name and job title in the subject column of the email, latest by **20 January, 2017**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

In addition to updated CV please include your personal details as mentioned below in a separate excel file.

| Name | DOB | Gender | Qualification | Experience | Current work Profile | Current Organisation | Mob | email | Present Salary | Expected Salary |
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