

Supervisory Sustainable Intensification Specialist

Official Position Title: Supervisory Agricultural Development Officer, Backstop 10, FSL-0401-01

Functional Title: Supervisory Sustainable Intensification Specialist

Location of Position: U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Office of Agriculture Research and Policy, Research Division

Position Grade: FSL-01

Salary Range: US\$128,082 - US\$160,300

Position Closing Date: Dec 19, 2016, 11:59 PM, EST

Description of the Bureau: The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads coordination and implementation of Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. BFS brings together programmatic, technical, and regional expertise from throughout USAID to assist 19 Feed the Future focus countries and additional aligned countries and regional programs with strategic design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. BFS coordinates Feed the Future's 10 additional U.S. Government partner agencies and departments, most recently on development and implementation of the new U.S. Government [Global Food Security Strategy](#). This strategy, delivered to Congress as a requirement of the Global Food Security Act of 2016, charts how U.S. Government partners will support developing countries over the next five years to achieve lasting progress in food security and nutrition.

Description of Office or Team: The Office of Agricultural Research and Policy (BFS/ARP) provides guidance and technical support in the design and implementation of programs in agricultural research, and capacity development and policy. These programs aim to improve agricultural productivity, increase incomes and enhance household nutrition through focused research on the development and dissemination of improved agricultural technologies and best practices, the implementation of enhanced agricultural policies, and targeted human and institutional capacity building. BFS/ARP engages and leverages research, technologies and knowledge from U.S. universities, international research centers, the private sector and host-country agricultural research and educational institutions. The Research Division leads the implementation of the Feed the Future Research Strategy.

Description of Position: The Supervisory Sustainable Intensification Specialist will serve as the Agency's expert technical leader in the area of agricultural research and development related to sustainable intensification and will lead the Agency's programming in sustainable intensification research, contributing to the development of a cohesive and coordinated program of agricultural research and development with partners in U.S. universities, USDA, International Agricultural Research Centers, national agricultural research systems, host country universities, NGOs, and the private sector. S/he will oversee the management, review and monitoring of agricultural and natural resources management research and development projects focused on sustainable intensification and will supervise and review the work of employees, including Civil Servants, FSOs, FSLs, PASAs, PSCs, Fellows, and contractors, at grades up through GS-15.

Description of Key Duties:

- Provide technical advice to BFS/ARP and the Agency at large on issues related to sustainable agricultural practices and opportunities.
- Lead a team of project managers to ensure that activities within the BFS sustainable intensification program area contribute to Feed the Future goals of decreasing poverty and improving household nutrition, while also increasing farm productivity and resilience.
- Develop technically and legally sound agreements and manage technical, fiscal, and policy aspects of programs and projects to ensure success.
- Oversee the management, review and monitoring of agricultural research and development projects consistent with Agency annual reporting requirements.
- Perform the administrative and human resource management functions relative to staff supervised.

Qualifications Required:

- Educational requirement:
 - A. **Degree:** biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; OR
 - B. **Combination of education and experience:** Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.
- Mastery of advanced theories, concepts, principles, and practices of sustainable intensification and natural resources management including agronomy, ecology, soil science, and water or watershed management.
- Mastery level knowledge of conservation agriculture and natural resources management research sufficient to critically evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of international programs.
- Expert knowledge of, and skill in, international program management including knowledge of standard U.S. government administrative procedures to analyze, evaluate, and organize program and financial information and a general knowledge of the organization and goals of USAID.
- Expert knowledge and experience in the development, review and implementation of agricultural technology dissemination projects, particularly related to sustainable intensification innovations and strategies.
- Strong oral and written communication skills in order to prepare complex program and policy documents, conduct briefings, and serve as Agency representative in senior level meetings and conferences, formulate and negotiate sensitive positions within a complex environment and present complex scientific information to an educated, but not necessarily scientifically knowledgeable, audience.
- Familiarity with food security, agriculture, nutrition and hunger issues in developing countries.

Application Instructions: Please send detailed CV and cover letter to bfsjobs@usaid.gov with the position's title in the subject line by position closing date listed above.

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