

AAEA Career Opportunities
Position Report

Program Director - Socio-Economics Program

Employer Information

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Position Information

Start Date:

Duration:

Location: Mexico, Mexico

Tenure Track: No

U.S. Citizenship Required: No

Languages: English

Specialty Desired

Primary Specialty: Agri-business Management

Other specialties: Agricultural Economics

Educational Requirements

More Information: <http://www.cimmyt.org/en/about-us/job-opportunities>

Position Description

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) seeks an outstanding individual for the position of Program Director Socio-Economics. The Program researches socio-economic constraints to increasing food security and reducing poverty in maize and wheat based farming and food systems. The program works with maize and wheat breeders, agronomists, seed systems specialist, policy makers and extensive public-private partnerships in Africa, Asia and Latin America to ensure the relevance of their efforts, particularly for the resource poor, women and children. The position hence offers the opportunity to shape and ensure greater impact of interventions that are highly relevant to over 1 billion of the poorest who are exposed to rising and unstable food prices, climate change and increasing natural resource scarcity. The successful candidate will be a leader and a mentor to a team of over 30 internationally recruited scientists (economists and specialists in poverty, value chain, gender and GIS research; both at senior and postdoctoral level) supported by an annual budget of approximately USD 15 million.

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, known by its Spanish acronym, CIMMYT, is a not-for-profit research and training organization with partners in over 200 internationally recruited staff, and annual budget of USD 150 million, and partners in over 100 countries. Please refer to www.cimmyt.org for more information. The position is based either at CIMMYT's headquarters in Mexico or at one of its regional offices in Africa or Asia. The selected candidate will be expected to spend considerable periods of time traveling in all three regions.

The selected candidate will engage in the following activities:

- > Contribute to the development of a long-term vision for the maize and wheat sectors in the developing world and the role of agriculture R&D in enhancing food security and poverty reduction.

- > Lead and guide the Socio-Economics Program and ensure its focus on high-impact research outputs and outcomes.

- > Interact with other programs and Project Leaders to engage socioeconomic expertise in the development, implementation and assessment of projects in the area of

1. Sustainable intensification of maize and wheat system under changing climates;
2. Value chain, seed and grain market analyses;
3. Foresight and targeting;
4. Impact assessment and gender analyses; and
5. Policy interventions.

- > Ensure appropriate mix of expertise in the program and mentorship for elevating research quality, focus and competence of program members.

- > Develop effective partnership with relevant socio-economic capacities at advanced research institutes and with development partners.

- > Supported by a Program Manager, manage human and financial resources of the program.

- > As a member of the Senior Manager Team, participate in management of the Center and the CGIAR Research Programs on Maize and Wheat.

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications, skills, characteristics and interests:

- > PhD in relevant social sciences field (e.g. agricultural economics, economics, rural development).

- > Over 10 years' practical socio-economic research experience targeted at the developing world and with a good 'big picture' understanding of how to prioritize socio-economic research for identifying high impact interventions.

- > Strong people and mentorship skills.

- > Demonstrated ability to communicate research results effectively to a wide range of audiences, including policy makers and donors.
- > Strong publications record in peer-reviewed journals.
- > Demonstrated proficiency in the English language.
- > Ability to work in multi-cultural environments and in multi-disciplinary teams.

We will offer an initial contract for 5 years, which is renewable subject to continued need and funding for the position and performance of the staff member. Our internationally competitive salary and benefits include housing allowance, car, comprehensive health and life insurance, assistance for children's education, paid vacation, annual airfare, contribution to a retirement plan, and generous assistance with relocation shipment.

CIMMYT is an equal opportunity employer. It fosters a multicultural work environment that values gender equality, teamwork, and respect for diversity. Women are encouraged to apply.

To apply for this position, please email cover letter and CV no later than Monday, 11 March, 2013 to Human Resources, CIMMYT (Email: irsrecruitment@cgiar.org / Please indicate Position Reference number: 12275 in the header of your email).

For further information on the selection process, please contact Guillermo Flores, Staffing Specialist, at g.flores@cgiar.org.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.