

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Global Crop Diversity Trust is an international organization with headquarters in Bonn, Germany whose mission is to ensure the conservation and availability of crop diversity for food security worldwide. For further information about the Global Crop Diversity Trust, consult the web page at http://croptrust.org

The Global Crop Diversity Trust is seeking an outstanding candidate for the position of:

Science Project Specialist (WP7)

Under the overall supervision of the Senior Scientist and BOLD Project Coordinator and under the direct supervision of the Science Project Coordinator (WP7), the Science Project Specialist will be responsible for implementing the Organization's Biodiversity for Opportunities, Livelihoods and Development (BOLD) Project – Work Package 7 (WP7). WP7 is also known as Building Opportunities for Lesser-known Diversity in Edible Resources (BOLDER) falling under the umbrella of the BOLD Project.

WP7 is a new WP and will be implemented starting in fall 2023. It aims to increase nutrition security in Africa through the enhanced conservation, production and consumption of nutritious but currently underused, climate resilient and environment-friendly crop species (NUS). More information about the current BOLD Project can be found at https://bold.croptrust.org/.

The responsibilities of the position include the following:

- Engagement with partners to establish cooperation agreements and negotiate project contracts for BOLD - WP7.
- Liaise with partners, troubleshoot problems, and provide scientific advice and technical backstopping, including site visits. Duty travel to sites in Africa, as well as other locations, is required.
- Develop report templates for partners and support report submission of partners using the Partner Reporting Tool, in coordination and compliance with Crop Trust's IT policies.
- Conduct routine monitoring and evaluation of grantee performance/reporting to ensure that targets are achieved.
- Coordinate capacity building activities of WP 7 partners.
- Coordinate the procurement of agreed equipment and consumables.
- Manage terms and conditions of service or consultancy contracts and ensure that the proposed activities are completed as per the agreement.
- Work with Crop Trust's Quality Management System Coordinator to develop and curate a robust knowledge base for the sustainable conservation, production, and use of NUS in Africa, considering local production systems, gender equity, and farmer's rights. This includes conducting research on and documenting best practices and approaches, as well as working closely with farmers and other stakeholders to ensure that their knowledge and insights are integrated into the knowledge base.
- Write, or contribute to reports, peer-reviewed publications, documents, and presentations as necessary.
- Assist with partner financial management (e.g. review of partner expenditure and supporting documents) and ensure they are compliant with Crop Trust and donor's financial rules and regulations.

- Represent the Crop Trust and the BOLD Project as necessary.
- Stay abreast of scientific developments and institutional players in the area of responsibility.
- Stay abreast of relevant policy frameworks (Plant Treaty, CBD, etc.).
- Contribute to the smooth and coordinated functioning of the Science Team, liaising with other teams as necessary for effective institutional cohesion.

Qualifications, Skills, and Experience

- BSc in the biological/agricultural sciences, agricultural economics, or related field. An advanced degree in these areas will present an advantage.
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience in project coordination and monitoring and evaluation, preferably in an international environment.
- Experience working in a multicultural, international environment is preferred.
- Strong computer skills, including good knowledge of databases, MS Office, and project management applications.
- High degree of initiative, judgement, creativity, and analytical abilities.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and ability to interact effectively with a wide range
 of collaborators from different cultural backgrounds.
- Excellent English written and spoken required; knowledge of other languages will be an advantage.

Terms and Conditions: The Crop Trust offers an attractive remuneration package including a competitive salary, non-contributory retirement savings plan, medical insurance and leave provisions. This is a General Service position classified as Level 3, with Level 3 being the highest Level in the General Service Grade Levels. The salary range for this level starts at Euro 40,000. Staff of the Global Crop Diversity Trust (including German nationals) are exempt from host country income tax. All benefits are denominated and paid in Euros. Relocation costs are not covered. **The initial contract duration will be 3 years** and will be subject to a probationary period of 12 months.

Applications: Interested candidates should submit the following (incomplete applications will not be considered):

- 1. A one-page motivation letter including summary of your qualifications and experience, indicating how you meet the expected set of skills and competencies for the position and your drivers for applying.
- 2. Your *Curriculum Vitae* in English (please include your current residence address, telephone, and email address, date of birth, gender and nationality).
- 3. Names and full contact details of at least three referees.

Please apply by using the following link: https://www.impactpool.org/jobs/1028414

Deadline for applications is 26 January 2024.

By submitting your application, you agree to the Crop Trust processing your personal data as described <u>here</u>.

The Trust is an equal opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.