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Call for Applications

Five Research Scholars – Final Year Masters
Students (Second Year) or Agro 5 Students

Deadline: February 21st, 2025

Background

Building a resilient food system by boosting the productivity of opportunity crops and improving nutrition through developing and deploying diverse, climate-resilient cropping systems across Africa is one of the priorities of the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils Capacity. As part of research on amaranth under the VACS Capacity project in Benin, we are looking for five research scholars (students registered in Master 2, second year) or Agro 5 in Plant Science (only students registered in universities in Benin are eligible) to work with the amaranth team. The research investigations will kick off in March 2025.

Expectation

The selected students will be responsible for setting up and monitoring experimental trials, and collecting relevant data. Additionally, they will participate in any other activities deemed necessary for the project. As part of their academic requirements, the students will also be expected to write and defend a thesis at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FSA) on an assigned research topic.

Duration

The recruited students will receive a non-renewable contract for nine (09) months starting from the date of contract signing.

Eligibility

Candidates should be:

- citizen of Benin;
- capable of following a timeline of activities;
- dynamic and free of any other commitments during the project execution phase;
- able to work in a multidisciplinary team and collaborate with others,
- capable of conducting exploratory studies and managing experimental trials,
- have strong statistical analysis skills,
- able to communicate clearly and accurately in both written and spoken French and English,
- be proficient in MS Office applications,
- have strong report-writing skills,
- be in good physical and mental health, and
- be available immediately.

Terms and conditions

- Selected candidates will sign an unrenovable nine (09) months contract.
- The project will cover living expenses, field research costs, and travel expenses during the contract period.
- The selected candidates will be required to submit work reports and carry out any tasks assigned to them during the contract period.

Deadline

Submit applications to: latifadegolou@gmail.com and copy to houdariscarl@gmail.com and e.adako@gbios-uac.org by February 21st, 2025. All applications will be acknowledged, but only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Submission

The application file must be sent as a single PDF attachment by the deadline to the emails specified below and should contain the following:

- Cover letter;
- A detailed curriculum vitae signed by the candidate;
- A simple copy of the bachelor's degree (for Master 2 students) or the general diploma in agronomy (for Agro 5 students);
- All Transcripts/academic records;
- One recommendation letter from a university lecturer;
- Certificate of English if any;
- A copy of birth certificate; and
- National ID

NB: Any incomplete application will not be considered in the selection process.