

VIRCA Deployment Program Manager

The Virus Resistant Cassava for Africa (VIRCA) project has an immediate opening for a Program Manager. VIRCA Deployment is a mature, international, multi-institutional project employing RNAi technology to develop and deliver cassava with enhanced resistance to virus disease and elevated micronutrient content to small-holder farmers in Africa.

Candidates for this position must have demonstrated ability to manage and organize a complex, technology-driven project. They must understand and have leadership experience in driving projects to meet performance and timeline requirements, while remaining within budget. Experience within crop biotechnology, familiarity with regulatory systems and seed systems, plus outstanding communications skills are essential.

Key Responsibilities

- Work with program leadership to coordinate activities and deliverables of multi-disciplinary teams across East Africa and Nigeria
- Maintain project focus to overcome challenges in technical, regulatory, and communications to meet critical goals within program timelines
- Develop and manage budgets and marshal resources to enable project goals to be met
- Consolidate, evaluate and analyze research/project findings related to product development and deployment
- Prepare and submit project reports
- Draft manuscripts for publication in referred journals

Requirements

- MSc or PhD in biological or agricultural sciences
- 3 or more years project management and leadership experience
- Knowledge of, and experience within crop biotechnology, and in the fields of agricultural product development, regulatory and seed systems for product deployment
- Excellent analytical and scientific documentary/compilation skills
- Strong oral and written communication, plus organization and interpersonal skills
- Good presentation skills

Location

The position will be based in Nairobi, Kenya, with expectation for travel within East Africa, Nigeria and the USA.

To apply, send a cover letter expressing interest and brief description of your suitability for the position, detailed CV with contacts of three referees to: africenter@isaaa.org with **VIRCA Deployment Project Manager** as the subject by **November 25, 2022**.