

## Agricultural Economist - South Asia

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) is seeking an experienced agricultural economist to contribute to the development of wheat and maize systems in South Asia. The micro-economist will work as member of a multi-disciplinary team that includes other social scientists, biophysical scientists and GIS specialists. The position will be posted to CIMMYT's New Delhi office and will be expected to work throughout the northern South Asia region (particularly India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh). The initial appointment will be for a period of three years.

### The primary responsibilities will include:

- Conduct surveys to assess the technology needs of poor rural households.
- Assess the likely profitability of improved agricultural production technologies currently under development.
- Conduct field surveys to document the adoption and diffusion of improved agricultural production technologies, impact on the welfare of poor rural households, particularly vulnerable groups within the community, and identify constraints to adoption and diffusion.
- Analyze household data studies to assess policy interventions that will encourage sustainable intensification of wheat and maize-based farming systems.
- Participate in activities designed to accelerate more widespread adoption of improved agricultural production technologies.
- Contribute to CIMMYT's training and institutional capacity strengthening efforts.
- Manage and implement a portfolio of research projects and contribute to CIMMYT's resource mobilization efforts to ensure continuity of the above and associated research agenda.

### We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications

- Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a closely related field with at least 5 years post-doctoral experience
- Strong quantitative analysis skills
- Knowledge of crop and natural resource management issues
- Experience designing and implementing socioeconomic household field surveys, and familiarity with rapid field survey techniques
- Ability to travel extensively in rural areas
- Excellent communication skills in written and spoken English
- The ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary, multicultural team
- Strong publication record in peer-reviewed journals

CIMMYT ([www.cimmyt.org](http://www.cimmyt.org)) is an internationally funded, nonprofit, scientific research, training and development organization dedicated to improving the nutrition, food security and livelihoods of the world's poor. CIMMYT is a global leader in maize and wheat germplasm preservation, trait discovery, crop variety enhancement, cropping systems improvement and socio-economic analysis for the developing world. The Center has an annual budget of US\$45 million and a staff of 600, including 80 internationally recruited staff. Our headquarters and four research stations are located in Mexico and we have regional centers and offices in 12 other countries, especially in eastern and southern Africa. Rapid growth is occurring in South and East Asia.

CIMMYT offers an attractive remuneration package, with a range of benefits including housing allowance, life and health insurance, education allowance (to Grade 12), home leave, retirement fund, and relocation shipping allowance.

**CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and ethnicity.**

Please send via e-mail your letter of application **no later than March 31, 2009**, CV/Resume (including full contact information), and names and contact information of three references to:

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