

Post Doctoral Fellow in Agricultural Economics - South Asia

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) is seeking an Agricultural Economics Post-doctoral Fellow (PDF) for the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA). The PDF will seek to enhance the understanding of the micro-level constraints to rapid productivity growth and adoption of resource conserving technologies around eight research hubs in intensive cereals systems across South Asia, an activity which aims to contribute to enhanced technology targeting and improved policies for inclusive agricultural growth. The PDF will, thereby, help identify hub specific technology needs and opportunities, system components, and combinations that best meet farmers' livelihoods for increasing overall impact. The PDF 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 appointment will be for a period of three years.

The primary responsibilities will include:

- Conduct surveys (i.e. field work, analysis, reporting) to assess the threats and opportunities for wheat/rice/maize systems and livelihoods in eight research hubs in intensive cereals systems across South Asia.
- Conduct surveys to assess the constraints to adoption and patterns of adoption, diffusion and impacts of improved varieties and other technologies in wheat/rice/maize cropping systems in these eight research hubs.
- Participate in activities designed to accelerate more widespread adoption of improved agricultural production technologies.
- Support analyses of selected policy issues related to intensification of cereal systems
- Contribute to CIMMYT's training and institutional capacity strengthening efforts, particularly in relation to social science and multidisciplinary team work

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications

- Recently earned PhD in agricultural economics, resource economics, economics, or other related discipline
- Strong quantitative analysis skills
- Experience designing and implementing socioeconomic household field surveys
- 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, multi-institutional team

CIMMYT (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:

Human Resources Manager, CIMMYT
(Reference 2009/04)
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