



THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
POSITION # 11-181- POSTDOCTORAL/RESEARCH
FELLOW/DSG

Job Summary:

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Fellow to work under Ghana Strategy Support Program (GSSP) for a two-year, fixed-term, renewable appointment. The program has a focus on strategy and policy issues in relation to agriculture, the food system, rural change, and poverty reduction. The position reports to the Director of the Development Strategy and Governance Division (DSGD) and is based in Accra, Ghana. Grade level will be determined by demonstrated expertise and experience.

Please note that Postdoctoral Fellow appointments at IFPRI have a maximum term of three (3) years, inclusive of any approved appointment extensions. Joint appointments together with national or international research/development institutions will be considered.

Essential Duties:

The Fellow will be responsible for:

a) Conducting research, policy advice, capacity strengthening and policy communications in Ghana on the strategic issues of agricultural and rural development and poverty reduction, and
b) Support the GSSP leader to coordinate IFPRI's country strategy program in that country. The Fellow would be responsible for timely completion of research projects, actively publish papers/books, and participate in various conferences, policy advisory forums, and capacity strengthening training programs. More specifically, it includes the following responsibilities:

- *Research and Capacity-Building:* Based on identified program of work, leading or participating in specific empirical research and synthesis on special studies, organizing or providing support to targeted training programs, and coordinating with Washington-based staff on specific research and training activities that fall within GSSP;
- *Research Coordination:* Assisting the GSSP leader to coordinate research related to the country strategy program with IFPRI research and outreach staff (both local and Washington-based); liaising with donor and government stakeholders; monitoring program budget; recruiting and managing national collaborators on a need basis; maintaining regular communication with IFPRI-Washington through regular reporting of activities and budget; and updating annual work program;
- *Policy Communication and Liaison:* Maintaining active policy communication with national counterparts through a regular policy seminar series, policy briefs, and other fora; establishing active links with various national research institutions; and liaising with donors on regular basis;

Required Qualifications:

- PhD in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Public Policy or closely related field
- Experience in research on policy issues, related to agricultural production, natural resources, the roles of the state, civil society, and markets and trade
- Knowledge and experience working in Africa
- Ability to work across disciplines.
- Excellent written and spoken English.

IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply.

TO APPLY:

Go to www.ifpri.org . Click on “*Careers*” and “*Research Positions*” to link you to ***Position # 11-181 – Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow, DSG***. **Please complete on-line application, including a complete curriculum vitae and a detailed letter of interest. Also complete section providing 3 references.**

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