



Data Manager/ Training Specialist



The Generation Challenge Programme (GCP) is seeking a Data Manager/Training Specialist who will manage the crop registry of GCP, provide technical support and training to project investigators and users of the Integrated Breeding Platform (IBP). She/he will maintain, update and curate the crop registry and provide support to the users in accessing it. She/he will work with the IBP Informatics Coordinator in handling training, writing training materials and providing technical support to the users of the IBP informatics tools.

The Data Manager will report to the Informatics Coordinator of the IBP and will interact with project investigators and users of the Informatics Breeding Platform to ensure that the data generated by the platform are well managed and technical support to the use cases are timely and properly done. This international position, based at GCP headquarters in Mexico, is for a fixed-term contract of three years, with possibility for renewal subject to performance and funding.

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

1. At least a Masters Degree in biometrics or informatics
2. At least 5 years of appropriate experience
3. Experience with management and curation of biological data
4. Experience with consulting, training and supporting users of informatics applications
5. Experience with quality assurance for research data
6. Affinity for international agricultural research and development
7. Ability to work well as part of a multidisciplinary and decentralised team
8. Excellent communications skills in written and spoken English

9. Experience in the following areas would also be considered a major asset:

10. Managing information for crop breeding programmes
11. Analysis of data from genetics and molecular biology

The Generation Challenge Programme (www.generationcp.org) is an internationally funded, non-profit research and training programme that was created by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) to bring together research efforts at public and private research institutions in developed and developing countries to build a platform of publicly available genetic and genomic resources and tools that can be used to deliver the fruits of the Genomics Revolution to resource-poor farmers. The Generation Challenge Programme has an annual budget of USD 14 million.

GCP is hosted by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT www.cimmyt.org); Main Campus is located 45 km northeast of Mexico City, Mexico. CIMMYT has an annual budget of approximately USD 50 million and its mission is to help the poor in the developing world by increasing the productivity, profitability, and sustainability of maize and wheat-based cropping systems while protecting natural resources. CIMMYT employs about 600 permanent staff from over 40 nationalities and operates through decentralised partnership, with staff in 13 countries and projects and networks in many more. Rapid growth is occurring in South and East Asia.

CIMMYT/GCP offers an attractive remuneration package paid in US dollars, 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. The CIMMYT campus has recreational and sports facilities and offers transportation to international schools in Mexico City. Good housing is available on and off campus.

GCP/CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and ethnicity

Please send via e-mail your letter of application, CV/Resume (including full contact information), and names and contact information of three references to:

Human Resources Manager, CIMMYT
(Reference GCP 2009/02)
Email: jobs-cimmyt@cgiar.org
Deadline for applications: July 15, 2009

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Selection Committee beginning September.

For further information, contact Dr Graham McLaren, GCP SubProgramme 4 Leader, g.mclaren@cgiar.org