



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**POSITION VACANCIES**

The National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) is a statutory body established under the NARI Act (1996) and operates under the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology. NARI is the leading organisation conducting and fostering applied scientific and technical development-oriented research in the agriculture sector focusing on food production, value-chain and markets research, policy advice, natural resources management and adaptation to threats caused by biotic and abiotic factors including climate change. NARI's work supports the smallholder sector, food security, rural and national economic development and natural resource management in Papua New Guinea (PNG). NARI is also responsible for providing scientific analytical, diagnostic and advisory services to the agriculture sector.

NARI's services are provided from research centres located at the Headquarters and Momase Regional Centre located at Bubia outside Lae (Morobe), Aiyura (EHP), Tambul (WHP), Laloki (Central), Keravat (East New Britain) and Kilakila (NCD) and plans are afoot to redevelop its research facilities at Kuk Research Station in current Jiwaka Province.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the position of:

**Regional Centre Managers (NARI Salary Grades 8-9)**

NARI has immediate vacancies for two Centre Managers to manage NARI's regional centres at Kerevat and Aiyura. These are important positions where the incumbents will be responsible for the administration of the Regional Research Centres in planning, prioritising, coordinating, implementing and monitoring the Centres' finances, human resources, infrastructure and revenue generation, ensuring proper accounting, monitoring, and reporting. The successful candidates will operate within the Institute's Management Standards, systems procedures and processes and are expected to provide effective logistical support to scientific and technical teams for the functional areas of research support, purchase and supply, stores, transport, housing, liaison, travel and security, mobilising of resources and revenue generation activities at the Centres. The candidate is required to oversee farm development and management while synchronising such revenue generation activities with research activities of scientific teams.

The successful applicant should be willing to stay and work in rural settings and comfortably fit into a multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural and multi-institutional team environment. He/ she should exhibit self-motivation, analytical ability, honesty, integrity, skills in management and development of resources including human resources. The incumbent should have the ability to work with minimal supervision, transparent and proactive style of management, and be creative and innovative in taking and implementing management decisions. Experience in community relations will be an advantage as the NARI Research Centres are located amongst landowner communities.

**Required Qualifications:** minimum Bachelor's Degree in one of these fields: public administration; agriculture or agribusiness development and management with experience in finance and human resource management and at least 10 years' experience of working in similar research or development organisation. Computer literacy and a Class 6 driving license are essential.

## **General Information**

NARI is an equal opportunity employer and does not allow discriminatory practices based on gender, ethnicity or health status. The Institute has general health insurance cover for all contract and permanent employees. Employees are expected to follow NARI Management Standards and the Public Service Management rules and regulations. All employees are expected to follow the “*Niupela Pasin*” practices to safeguard other employees and their families from coronavirus (Covid 19).

Applications should include a cover letter detailing your area of interest, a detailed CV, copies of educational qualifications, names and contact details of three (3) referees and be addressed to:

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Attention: Human Resources Manager

Applications can be emailed to our recruitment email address at [narijobs@nari.gov.pg](mailto:narijobs@nari.gov.pg)

***Applications close at 5pm on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and only short-listed applicants will be contacted.***