

PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE POSITION VACANCIES

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The National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) is a statutory body established under the NARI Act (1996) and operates under the Ministry of Agriculture. NARI operates across 6 regional centres and is responsible for conduct of applied scientific and development-oriented research in agriculture focusing on food production and the transition to commercial agriculture.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following positions for immediate appointment. Please note that accommodation may not be available with all these positions:

Senior Technical Officers / Scientist (2 positions)

Climate Change Officer

To assist with documentation of climate change impacts on agriculture and agricultural intervention technologies, conduct or support implementation of related research trials, and supervise multiplication of livestock and plant materials. The successful applicant will report to the Team Leader, NARI Southern Regional Centre at Laloki, and must be able to plan and work with minimum supervision. Minimum Bachelor degree qualification in Agriculture or related discipline is required. Experience in a climate change related field will be an advantage.

Mechanisation Officer

The success applicant will manage the assessment of a range of machinery for suitability for agricultural production and processing. The successful applicant will report to the Team Leader, NARI Regional Centre at Bubia, and must be able to plan and work with minimum supervision. This position will also supervise assessments at the Highlands Regional Centres at Aiyura and Tambul. Minimum Bachelor degree qualification in Agriculture or related discipline is required. Experience with field operation of machinery will be an advantage.

Technical Officers (11 positions)

The positions report to a Scientist or Senior Officer in the responsible area and are based at Bubia, Laloki, Aiyura, Tambul, Kerevat and Kilakila. These are entry level positions, requiring hands-on application of technical knowledge to practical situations, most suited to new and energetic graduates. Applicants must have a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture or Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture or related discipline from a recognised university. Positions are available in the following areas:

Plant Genetic Resources Technical Officer (5 positions)

The successful applicants will report to the Centre Manager and assist in the management of new and existing plant germ-plasm collections and in multiplication of foundation planting material. Positions are available at Bubia, Laloki, Aiyura, Tambul, and Kerevat.

Information Digitisation Officer (2 positions)

The successful applicants will conduct hands-on digitisation of paper-based materials, maps, video and photographic media, and specimens for archive and web access. The positions are

based at HQ at Bubia and National Agricultural Insect Collection (NAIC) at Kilakila, reporting to the NARI Librarian and NAIC Curator.

Data Collection Officer (1 position)

The successful applicant will report to the Senior Economist and be responsible for collection and database entry of agricultural data from multiple sources. A Bachelor degree is preferred.

Mechanisation Technical Officer (3 positions)

The successful applicant will assist in assessment of a range of machinery for suitability for agricultural production and processing. The positions report to the Mechanisation Officer and are based at Bubia, Aiyura and Tambul.

General Information

NARI is an equal opportunity employer. The Institute has general health insurance cover for all contract and permanent employees with life insurance covered by Workers Compensation Act. Successful applicants will be engaged under the NARI Management Standards.

Employment Conditions:

The above positions are 12-months contract engagement positions, based at the various Regional Research Centres as indicated. Extension of contracts is dependent on performance and ongoing funding. Accommodation is not a condition of employment for these engagements and we strongly encourage those able to provide their own accommodation to apply.

Applications should include a cover letter detailing your area of interest and preferred location, a detailed CV, names and contact details of three referees. Please address applications to the Director General with attention to the Human Resources Manager:

Director General National Agricultural Research Institute P O Box 4415, Lae 411 Morobe Province. PNG.

Telephone: (675) 478 4000 Email: narijobs@nari.gov.pg Website: www.nari.gov.pg.

Applications can be emailed to our recruitment email address at narijobs@nari.gov.pg.

Applications close on the 11th of October 2024 and only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Authorised by: Dr. Nelson Simbiken

Director General

NOTE: Closing date rescheduled to 25/10/2024