JOB POSTING

The Breadfruit Institute of the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) in Hawaii manages the world’s largest genebank of breadfruit species and indigenous Pacific island varieties. Established in 2003, the institute conserves breadfruit diversity and associated biocultural knowledge, and promotes the study and use of breadfruit for food and reforestation.

We seek to fill a Senior Scientist position to take a leadership role in integrating research, conservation, and extension programs to support and improve conservation and use of breadfruit in the Pacific Islands and other tropical regions. This position will leverage the research and conservation potential of NTBG’s breadfruit collection; advance the institute’s participation in local and international breadfruit research and conservation networks; develop new—and manage existing—projects and agreements related to our Global Hunger Initiative in concert with international initiatives and related to plant genetic resources, climate change, food security and regenerative agriculture, and relevant Sustainable Development Goals; identify strategic and funding opportunities; and oversee extension and outreach programs. This position will be based at NTBG’s Headquarters on Kauai.

Requires a PhD in agroecology, horticulture, agronomy, crop sciences, or related disciplines with a record of achievement and innovation, and a minimum of three (3) years of relevant experience. A solid publications record and proven success in securing research and operational funding, writing proposals, and grant management are essential. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a demonstrated ability to work with a broad range of stakeholders in a complex, intercultural and highly dynamic working environment. Familiarity with international policies on plant genetic resource (PGR) and experience with best practices for their management, conservation, and use are necessary.

Closing date for application: February 29, 2020

Applications must include: a cover letter which should address how the candidate’s background/experience relates to the specific duties of the advertised position; curriculum vitae/ résumé; 1-3 relevant publications/extension materials; and three (3) letters of recommendation.

Submit application materials to:
Email: hr@ntbg.org or Fax: (808) 332-9765
Postal Mail/In Person:
Human Resources - Headquarters
National Tropical Botanical Garden
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* Applications and web link to more detailed position description are available from the NTBG website: https://ntbg.org/about/jobs

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