

Maize Breeding – Postdoctoral Fellow

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), is seeking an innovative, self-motivated, scientifically outstanding candidate for a postdoctoral position in Maize Breeding. The position is initially available for one year with an opportunity for an extension, but may lead to a career path position for an outstanding scientist. The position will be based at Nairobi, Kenya.

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- Ph.D. degree in plant breeding or related fields, with good understanding of issues related to abiotic stress tolerance, the use of biotechnology and state-of-the-art information tools
- Excellent computer literacy essential
- Very good people and communications skills; fluency in speaking and writing English.
- Interest in international agricultural research and development
- Ability to work well as part of a team

Experience in any of the following areas would be considered an asset:

- Under the leadership of the senior maize breeder, increasingly assume responsibilities for a maize breeding program targeted at eastern Africa with focus on improving stress tolerance and nutritional quality
- Actively link with physiologists, molecular breeders and bioinformatics specialists on the implementation of new tools which accelerate breeding progress in particular for stress-prone environments
- Work with other CIMMYT staff and partners in public-, private, and non-governmental organizations to ensure that improved maize cultivars generate impact in resource-poor farmers' livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa

CIMMYT (www.cimmyt.cgiar.org) is an internationally funded, non-profit research and training organization affiliated with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR, www.cgiar.org) and has an annual budget of nearly US\$40 million. CIMMYT's 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. The Center is a global leader in scientific research and training related to maize and wheat, and in biotechnology, economics, and natural resource management research. These activities are conducted in partnership with national agricultural research systems, non-governmental organizations, and advanced research institutions, both public and private, in globally focused projects and programs. CIMMYT employs a staff of around 700 and operates in a decentralized, partnership mode, having staff in 14 countries, projects and partnership networks in many more.

CIMMYT salaries for internationally recruited staff are highly competitive, with a range of benefits including housing allowance, life and health insurance package, education allowance (from KG to Grade 12), annual medical examination, and shipping allowance.

CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

Please send via e-mail your letter of application, **no later than October 15, 2006**, CV/Resume (including full contact information) with names and contact information of three references to:

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