

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Responsibilities:

- Assist with the development and maintenance of a world inventory of GIFT stock, with the aim of monitoring the status of the stock in different countries, and determining the possible need of further transfers of GIFT from WorldFish's nucleus;
- Assist with the preparation of all necessary documents for the shipment of GIFT or any other improved strain to partner countries;
- Contribute to the planning, design, conduct, analysis and interpretation of experiments on the performance evaluation, ecological testing and risk assessment related to the use of GIFT and other improved strains;
- Assist with project budget management and liaise with donors in this respect.
- Raise purchase requisitions and travel requisitions in the context of project implementation;
- Assist the Project Leader (Genetics) in coordinating the activities of an international research network on genetics and breeding (INGA, a global forum involving 13 countries in Asia, Africa and Pacific and 15 associate members from regional and international organizations and advanced scientific institutions) and serve as the focal point for contacts with partners.
- Assist the Project Leader (Genetics) in responding to queries and requests from INGA member countries;
- Assist in the planning and conduct of Centre sponsored conferences, workshops, training courses, field days and other such activities related to genetic enhancement research, development and technology transfer;
- Initiate and assist with the preparation of publications at the scientific, extension and popular press level, disseminating the results of genetic enhancement projects and in other publication;
- Manage correspondence from collaborators and partners, sharing of statistical knowledge and programming skills with partners;
- Assist in the operation and maintenance of physical facilities such as fish tanks, research station ponds and equipments and materials used in genetic enhancement projects;
- Conduct literature searches and reviews;
- Undertake field visits related to genetics projects;
- Interface and coordinate activities with counterpart staff from partner organizations and countries prior to, during and after project implementation. Perform other duties as directed by the Project Leader; and
- Join and actively participate in scientific endeavors and associations, pursuing professional development and promoting the Center's objectives of high achievement and excellence.

Requirements:

- Bachelor of Science preferably in Biological Science with an Aquatic and/or Biodiversity and Genetics background;

- Experience in conducting field research preferred;
- Research knowledge in relevant discipline;
- Good analytical and statistical skills;
- Ability to work with minimum supervision; and
- Proficient in written and verbal English.

The WorldFish Center offers a competitive remuneration package, a non-discriminatory policy and provides an innovative work environment. Interested applicants are invited to submit a comprehensive curriculum vitae that includes names and contacts (telephone, fax, and e-mail address) of three (3) professional referees who are familiar with the candidate's qualifications and work experience, no later than **23 February 2007**. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.