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Project Officer - Scientific Researcher in the field of Agricultural and Development Economics

Position for:

FG IV Scientific - Project Officer - Scientific Researcher

As the science and knowledge service of the Commission, the mission of the Joint Research Centre is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.

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The Economics of Agriculture Unit focuses on the analysis of (i) agricultural and trade policies in the EU and (ii) food security and related policies in developing countries. The policy support the Unit provides is based on quantitative economic research, in particular using micro and macro-economic modelling tools.

The Unit is looking for an experienced researcher with a background in agricultural and/or development economics, to work on micro-economic research projects conducted in Sub-Saharan African countries. Most of the analyses are conducted using qualitative tools (both econometrics and economic models) at micro level (farm-household and regional levels). Knowledge of agricultural/development policies and of the farming sector in low-income countries, especially Africa, is an key advantage.

His/her main tasks will include:

- analysis of micro/local level impacts of agricultural, agri-food & development policies by means of quantitative tools and conceptual analysis;
- development and maintenance of economic models (programming code and database) for analysing the micro-level impacts of agricultural & development policies;
- coordination of primary data collection in rural areas with sub-contracted local experts; data treatment and analysis using advanced statistical techniques;
- to initiate, manage and monitor related research projects; this will include the preparation of technical specifications and validating and evaluating research results and publications; draft reports for policy makers.
- to contribute to the cooperation with policy services and development of the international network of cooperation of JRC.

	<p>Qualifications</p> <p>The ideal candidate will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a doctoral degree or a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (or related field) or 5 years of proved research experience after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma; – an advanced knowledge and experience in agricultural and development policy analysis; – solid experience in quantitative methods/tools for economic assessments, particularly mathematical programming techniques; – a good knowledge of GAMS or STATA/R languages (essential); – a good understanding of the economic development conditions, agriculture & food sector, and poverty-environment context in Sub-Saharan Africa; – an ability to manage and monitor research projects, capacity to manage requests with short deadlines, good communication skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural and interdisciplinary environment. <p>A very good level of written and spoken English is essential. Knowledge of French is an asset.</p>
<p>Directorate</p> <p>Unit</p>	<p>Joint Research Centre</p> <p>Economics of Agriculture</p> <p>Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en</p>
<p>Indicative duration</p>	<p>36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years</p>
<p>JRC Site</p> <p>Country</p>	<p>Seville</p> <p>Spain</p>
<p>Rules and eligibility</p>	<p>The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff. If you are not in any valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff, you can still apply by following these steps.</p> <p>You express your interest by applying to the CAST Permanent or to the permanent JRC Call for researchers.</p> <p>1. CAST Permanent: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union (EU) can recruit contract agents. https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en</p> <p>2. JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which mainly the JRC can recruit contract agents FGIV as researchers. Details available at the link below: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers</p> <p>Only then you can apply for this specific position, through</p>

<http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>

Auxiliary contract staff:

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members>

Article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union applies: the actual period of employment within the Commission under this type of contract, including any period under renewal, shall not exceed 6 years.

Please note that in case a high number of applications is received, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.