

Job Title: Agric Economist (1) – KHCRC

Position Description: The primary objective of agricultural economists is to maximize profitability in agriculture to the benefit of society. They pursue this aim through studying and analysing the aspects that influence the agricultural economy and distribution of resources, such as land, raw materials, labour and machinery.

Reporting to: The Centre Director/OIC.

Duty Station: KHCRC. Travel to other Research Centres will be required.

Duration: Permanent

Closing Date: 16th December, 2022

Duties and Responsibilities:

The main duties of the Logistics/Liaison Officer are:

- ✓ Analyzing data to determine the best price to charge for a product based on market conditions, production costs, and other factors;
- ✓ Conducting research on topics such as agricultural technology, consumer trends, and environmental concerns related to farming practices;
- ✓ Conducting feasibility studies to determine if proposed projects are likely to succeed or if additional research is needed;
- ✓ Providing advice on farm management decisions to farmers to help them improve their businesses;
- ✓ Identifying problems with agricultural markets and SLARI as a whole and developing solutions based on economic principles;
- ✓ Evaluating the economic impact of new technologies or government policies on the agriculture industry;
- ✓ Conducting surveys and research to assess the needs of SLARI such as crop production, livestock management, or forestry;
- ✓ Developing and implementing plans to improve agricultural productivity and efficiency;
- ✓ Developing economic models to assess the impact of new policies or technological advances on the agriculture industry;

Academic Requirement

- ✓ A Master's degree in Agricultural Economist in a recognized university;

Experience

- ✓ At least three (3) years' experience in agricultural production and marketing.
- ✓ Experience with office management software like MS Office (MS Excel and MS Word, specifically);

Professional Knowledge and Skills:

- ✓ A deep interest in agriculture and the natural environment;
- ✓ Interest in economics;
- ✓ High mathematical, analytical and scientific aptitude;
- ✓ Creative, thorough and analytical;
- ✓ Problem-solving abilities;
- ✓ Good communication, research and organisational skills;
- ✓ Strong organization skills with a problem-solving attitude;
- ✓ Attention to detail;
- ✓ Excellent communication and writing skills;
- ✓ Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously;
- ✓ Fluent in English;
- ✓ Excellent organizational skills and ability to work in fast-paced environment;
- ✓ Ability to work as a team player.

Application Procedure:

Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLARI) will consider applications from any suitably qualified Sierra Leonean and experienced applicant. **All application letters including CVs and other relevant documents should be enveloped and addressed to the Administrative Officer, Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute Headquarters, Tower Hill, Freetown before the close of office on Friday, 16th December 2022.** Enclosing: – a cover letter explaining why you think you would be suitable for the post, including examples of how you have demonstrated the required competencies; – a copy of your CV; – the names and contact details of three referees (whom we can contact with your consent in case of your being selected), who have good knowledge of your work and character.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.