



OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR UPSCALING
THE BENEFITS OF INSECT-BASED ANIMAL FEED TECHNOLOGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURAL INTENSIFICATION IN AFRICA (PROTEINAFRICA)**

University of Rwanda in collaboration with the International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), is implementing a project entitled “*Upscaling the benefits of insect-based animal feed technologies for sustainable agricultural intensification in Africa (Protein Africa)*”. This regional project aims to leverage public-private partnerships to scale up utilization and profitability of insect-based feed innovations along poultry, pig, and fish value chains through community-led agro-enterprises for improved feed supplies in a gender equitable manner in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda.

The University of Rwanda through the Single Project Implementation Unit (UR-SPIU) would like to recruit a skilled and highly “Research Assistant” who will be working with the project. The recruited staff will be based in Rwanda and he/she will play a key role in the project implementation.

1. RESEARCH ASSISTANT (1 POSITION)

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct the trainings of youths and women on black soldier flies (BSF) farming and frass fertilizer production with open field trial on common crops like maize, potatoes, cabbage and other in Rwanda to supplement household nutrition and income generation;
- Plan and implement knowledge dissemination on BSF farming and frass fertilizer production through developed printed materials, radio, television, and online media channels;
- Organize exchange visits of relevant stakeholders to insect farms in Rwanda;
- Prepare and submit reports of performed activities;
- Contribute to the general project management activities through collaboration with other project researchers and team members;
- Contribute to the University of Rwanda community outreach mission.

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REQUIRED QUALIFICATION AND SKILLS

- Minimum of MSc Degree in Entomology, Crop Science, Animal Production or related discipline;
- Proof having been trained on insect rearing techniques for feeds and food purposes;
- Minimum of 2 years working experience within the field of insect farming for feeds and food;
- The experience with black soldier flies rearing will be an added advantage;
- Being familiar with the Rwandan context of insect farming for food and feeds;
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a research team;
- Excellent interpersonal, networking and communication skills.
- Must be a Rwandan

Application Procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications online to the following link:

<https://forms.gle/U1cAUH3FCRj83UEh6>

1 Application letter in English addressed to UR-SPIU Coordinator

1. A detailed Curriculum Vital
2. A copy of academic degree and academic transcripts
3. A copy of proof of previous relevant experience
4. A copy of ID

The deadline for submission of the application is set on 9th August 2023. Only shortlisted candidates will be required to sit for written test.

Done at Kigali on 1st August 2023

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Coordinator

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