

# Career Opportunity : *Senior Program Officer*

**Agriculture and Food Security**

**NAIROBI, Kenya**

## Job Overview

The Agriculture and Food Security Program at the International Development Research Centre is embarking in a partnership with the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research. The main objective of this collaboration is to improve food security in the countries of East Africa and Southern Africa. The program aims to support research in areas vital to achieving long-term food security with a focus on post-harvest loss, nutrition and/or water use. An expected outcome is an increase in high-quality scientific research on the adoption of existing and new research results to tackle persistent problems of food insecurity.

As the **Senior Program Officer**, reporting to the Program Manager (Agriculture and Food Security) while working under the supervision of the Regional Director, you will develop projects within the priority areas by reviewing, developing, monitoring, managing and evaluating research projects; and liaising and maintaining productive working relationships with grantees, researchers and government institutions. You will be expected to collaborate effectively in a team context while playing a leading role in managing a competitive call process, preparing documentation and synthesizing and reporting on program results.



## Candidate Profile

- PhD (preferred) or a Master’s Degree and a strong record of publication in a relevant field such as Agriculture Sciences, Agricultural Economics, Food/Nutrition Science or Water Management (must have a strong hydrology and soil background with good knowledge of water for agriculture for this last field)
- Minimum five years relevant experience
- A superior knowledge of English is essential
- Strong knowledge of agriculture and food security research and the role that its different components can contribute to agriculture and food security issues in developing countries
- Understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methods and approaches, including strategies for stimulating uptake of research results by research users

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**Application Deadline: June 24, 2013.**

**This is a term position until March 2017.**

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