

## Assistant Laboratory Technologist (Seed) (15 Posts) at Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)

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### Job Description

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The Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is a state corporation established in and mandated to undertake research in forestry and allied natural resources. The institute conducts research and development activities under five thematic areas namely: Forest productivity and Improvement; Biodiversity and Environment Management; Forest Products Development; Social-economics, Policy and Governance and Technical Support Services.

Mandate \* Conduct research in forestry and allied natural resources; \* Disseminate research findings; and \* Establish partnerships and cooperate with other research organizations and institutions of higher learning in joint research and training. Strategic Objectives \* To enhance: Vision delivery; customer/stakeholder satisfaction and retention; linkage and partnership with stakeholders; and livelihoods. \* To increase forest technologies and innovations; enhance multi-sectoral and public-private sector research; enhance knowledge management and dissemination systems.

### Duties and Responsibilities

Receive seed samples delivered to the Lab for testing;

Sampling seed lots for testing;

Undertake accurate seed quality tests including but not limited to moisture content, purity, seed weight, germination tests;

Document and report accurately seed testing process and results;

Participate in planning and evaluating laboratory services;

Assist in undertaking of seed research;

Carry out basic maintenance of laboratory equipment;

Clean laboratory apparatus, equipment working and working surfaces;

Participate in publications of technical documents;

Carry out demonstrations for clients and visitors;

Train and supervise students on attachment and staff in the unit;

Prepare and sign KEFRI staff performance contract with your supervisor;

Participate in implementing relevant ISO standards in Research and Development;

Participate in compilation of departmental quarterly and annual reports; and

Any other duty as assigned from time to time.

### **Requirements for Appointment**

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) minimum grade "C-" (C Minus) or its equivalent qualification;

Diploma in Applied Biology from a recognized institution;

Working experience in the same field is an added advantage; and iv) Certificate in Computer Applications from a recognised institution.

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