

Research Assistant

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Company: International Potato Center

Location: Nairobi

Category: life-physical-and-social-science

The International Potato Center (CIP) is seeking to recruit a dynamic and experienced Research Assistant to provide support to the Global Biotech Potato Partnership and Gene editing projects.

The Position: The Research Assistant will be based in Nairobi-Kenya and will report to the Associate Scientist – Molecular Biologist and Food Chemist-Post Doc.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop gene constructs, validation, and transfer into *Agrobacterium*.
- Support on *agrobacterium*-mediated genetic transformation, gene editing, and selection on appropriate media.
- Molecular characterization of transgenic and gene-edited events by PCR, RTq-PCR, Southern blot, sequencing, and bioinformatics tools.
- Support on isolation and maintenance of potato pathogens.
- Perform bio-assays using artificial infection of potato plants with local strains in the biosafety glasshouse and other biosafety-approved facilities.
- Ensure plant care in the growth chambers, screen house, and glasshouse.

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