The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to improved incomes and diets in the developing world through increased production and consumption of nutritious and health-promoting vegetables. For more information about World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.worldveg.org.

WorldVeg holds the world’s largest collection of vegetable germplasm in the public domain. The Center has vegetable breeding programs in Asia and Africa, has strong connections to the seed sector, and is well-placed to develop improved cultivars with traits for tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses, enhanced shelf life, improved nutrient content, and quality. The Center is strengthening its collaborations with advanced research institutions and universities and is currently modernizing its research infrastructure, including its Seed Health & Quarantine laboratory.

WorldVeg seeks to recruit a Research Assistant to work in the Seed Health and Quarantine Laboratory at its Headquarters in Shanhua, Tainan, Taiwan.

This is a nationally recruited position and is open for Taiwanese nationals only.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Conduct research activities on methods for seed treatment that can effectively remove seed-borne pathogens.
- Conduct research activities in seed-borne disease detection, identification, and characterization, including RNA and DNA extraction, PCR and RT-PCR, gel electrophoresis, symptom observation and recording, PCR primer design, sequence analysis, detection methods evaluation and optimization, etc.
- Accurately document the research activities and progress, including collating and summarizing the results, and preparing research reports.
- Perform any other duties as required by the needs of the Center and as directed by the supervisor.

**Required Qualifications:**

- A Bachelor’s Degree in Plant Pathology, Biology, Biotechnology, or a related field.
- Experience and skill in methods of molecular biology, particularly in the detection of viroids or viruses would be an advantage.
- Adept in data analysis, good organization, and coordination skills.
- Above average command of English in both written and spoken.
- Able to work as part of multidisciplinary teams in a multicultural and multinational environment.

**The Reward:** This is a Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) position with competitive pay and benefits.
The candidate we hire will embody WorldVeg’s Five Core Values:

1. **Dedication to Innovation and Knowledge Sharing**
   Supports the conduct of world-class science, respects ethical standards, and is committed to sharing results in a transparent manner.

2. **Commitment to Impact**
   Aspires to achieve positive, tangible, and lasting impact contributing to Sustainable Development Goals.

3. **Commitment to Partnerships**
   Believes in the value of partnerships to advance research for development.

4. **Respect for People**
   Respect the diversity of gender, culture, ethnic origin, religion, age, beliefs, and views.

5. **Respect for the Environment**
   Strives to minimize its environmental impact and to introduce greener technology and practices.

**How to Apply**: Applicants should submit a letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position along with a curriculum vitae, a recent passport-size photograph, names, and addresses (including telephone/fax/e-mail) of three referees, and date of availability to jobapply@worldveg.org or the job bank site before 30 September 2023. Please mention the position title in the subject line.