



Post-Doctoral Research Associate Opportunity

Under the recently awarded Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Peanut Research (Peanut Lab), the University of Georgia is seeking candidates for a Post-Doctoral Research Associate to focus on the role of gender and youth along the peanut value chain. The candidate will be based in Athens, GA and will work as a member of the Management Entity for the Peanut Lab in the Office of Global Programs, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The position will be based in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications (ALEC).

The Peanut Lab is a five-year, \$14 million USAID-funded program supporting collaborative research between US and developing country partners in four Areas of Inquiry related to peanuts: varietal improvement, value-added gains along the value chain, understanding the role of peanuts in nutrition and health, and understanding the roles of gender and youth along the peanut value chain. Gender and youth are also crosscutting considerations for all Peanut Lab projects.

The University of Georgia is seeking an expert in these areas to conduct formative desk and field research, assist in the preparation and consideration of commissioned and competitive calls for research proposals under the Peanut Lab, and assist in the training and implementation of gender sensitive research by researchers from diverse disciplines. As a member of the Peanut Lab Management Entity at UGA, the Associate will also participate in the administration, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

The fellow will report to the Peanut Lab Director, Dr. Dave Hoisington, with a departmental home in the ALEC Department. Activities will be directed by the Peanut Lab Director in consultation with the ALEC Department Head.

The position is available immediately and the initial appointment is for a minimum of two years. Continuation of the position will depend on performance of the fellow, needs by UGA and Peanut Lab, and the availability of funding.

The successful applicant should have the following minimal qualifications:

- Must hold a Ph.D. in social sciences or other relevant discipline, preferably with experience in gender and/or youth in agriculture;
- Experience in international agriculture research, especially Africa;
- Excellent team skills;
- Willingness to travel internationally; and
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.

To apply, please use the following link: <u>https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/17481</u>.

Closing date for applications is 28 February 2018 or until the position is filled.

The University of Georgia is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applicants regardless of gender or ethnic background. Effective January 1, 2008, the Board of Regents has enacted a "background check" policy for new hires in the system as a condition of employment. This policy can be found at: www.policies.uga.edu/FA/nodes/view/1124/Background-investigations. Upon offer of employment, candidate must complete the "Consent for a Background Investigation" form.