

**Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - Agriculture Development Officer - FL-0401-02,
Center for Agriculture-Led Growth, PD# 40615**

- **Agency:** U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Organization:** Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)
- **Location of Position:** Washington, DC
- **Open Period:** February 9th - March 2, 2021
- **Appointment Type:** This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five (5) years
- **Salary:** (USD) \$116,786 - (USD) \$171,504 (annually)
- **Number of Vacancies:** 1

Description of Organization: This position is located in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security's (RFS) Center for Agriculture-Led Growth (CA). RFS's mission is to partner to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and access to water and sanitation to accelerate and protect progress on the Journey to Self-Reliance. RFS oversees four high-level, integrated efforts in support of this mission: (1) Feed the Future FtF), guided by the *Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS)*, (2) the *USAID Multi-Sector Nutrition Strategy*, (3) the *U.S. Global Water Strategy*, and (4) efforts to increase resilience in areas of recurrent humanitarian crisis. To deliver on this work, RFS partners with other Federal Departments and Agencies, USAID Bureaus and Missions, universities, civil society, and other public- and private-sector actors.

Description of Position: The Inputs Division supports the generation of high yielding, climate-resilient, disease resistant crop varieties and animal breeds and creates approaches and partnerships to enable wide-scale adoption of these technologies. The Agriculture Development Officer will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

RESEARCH PROGRAM MANAGEMENT 40%

Manages research programs led by U.S. universities, private partners, international agricultural research centers, and national agricultural research systems focused on improvement of crops important in developing countries using modern tools and technologies and delivering market-demanded products for smallholder farming systems.

Monitors and oversees all aspects of program implementation, including design, planning, fiscal management, environmental compliance, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), reporting against standard FTF indicators, progress toward objectives, and supervises other staff contributing to research program management.

**GLOBAL THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC
ENGAGEMENT 30%**

Serves as a technical authority concerning international agriculture research investments in the generation of improved crops, livestock and associated innovations; and ensures that the investments in different mechanisms are fully integrated along the Product Life Cycle.

Identifies approaches to ensure that innovations have a clear pathway for widespread adoption and identifies actors, including intermediaries and public and private sector partners, that need to be brought together.

Provides global thought leadership through service on Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers governance bodies such as the Independent Science and Development Council on issues related to plant and animal disease as they relate to agricultural production in low- and middle- income countries.

MISSION SUPPORT, OUTREACH, AND COORDINATION 30%

Provides technical support to USAID Missions on the integration of research outputs, including technologies and knowledge, into the design and implementation of agriculture development and technology scaling activities.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level FSL-03 of this position. Examples of specialized experience include: Design of research programs in crop improvement; Engage USAID Mission staff on activity design and implementation to ensure alignment with Mission priorities and CDCS; and Monitor and oversee all aspects of project implementation, including design, planning, fiscal management, environmental compliance, M&E, reporting against standard indicators and progress toward objectives.
- One of the following: A) A degree in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; *or* B) A combination of education and experience: Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A) above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance.
- Experience working in agricultural research in developing country contexts.

Interested candidates should submit a:

- Resume/CV;
- A short written statement of interest; and
- Official or unofficial transcripts, if education is noted as a requirement above.

Please submit your application package to RFSjobs@usaid.gov. Please use the subject line “FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Agriculture Development Officer, FSL-02, RFS/CA/Inputs Division, PD40615.” **Application submissions are required by 11:59 pm (EST), February 9 - March 2, 2021.**

Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

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Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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