Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you a revised posting for a position with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) based in New Delhi. Please circulate widely.

This position is a non-terminating postdoc position that offers the aspiring agricultural, development, or applied economist with a chance to do some exciting field-based work as part of a scholarly research agenda. By being based in Delhi, the prospective candidate gets first-hand exposure to development challenges while also having a door opened to a long-term career with IFPRI back in the United States or in any one of its many offices in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.

The position also boasts some very unique opportunities that rarely come together in a single job. The position offers the chance to work with small teams of economists and biophysical scientists under the auspices of the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA), an exciting international collaboration designed to increase productivity in a sustainable manner across the diverse cereal farming systems of Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. Most researchers would agree that the heterogeneity and complexity of these systems, along with the menu of possible interventions that could improve these systems, is a wonderful palate to work with.

The position also offers opportunities to experiment with innovative approaches to exploring “what works”, or how to encourage the adaptation and adoption of technologies in ways that move beyond the standard approaches used by public research and extension systems worldwide. In CSISA, we work with private sector service providers, civil society organizations, communities, local government agencies, and many other partners to try out new approaches that facilitate durable change at scale. We have much to learn from this mode of working, and the prospective candidate would be uniquely placed to generate the evidence that helps this learning process.

The position offers a chance to evaluate policy interventions using experimental and non-experimental approaches, while also integrating the work with agronomic technology assessments, spatial data analysis, operations research, and other perspectives.

Finally—and most importantly—the position offers a uniquely valuable level of access, including access to: rich household datasets collected by IFPRI in the focal countries; secondary sources for economic, agronomic, and spatial data; direct contact with farm-households and communities through CSISA’s network of rural hubs; IFPRI’s vibrant community of researchers in both South Asia and the US; and the resources needed to carry out exciting scholarly research.

This is a great position and I’m hoping to find some enthusiastic candidates looking for a formative experience with IFPRI in South Asia. Please encourage candidate apply by emailing me directly (d.spielman@cgiar.org) with their queries or credentials, and by applying online via the www.ifpri.org website.
Please circulate this widely.

Many thanks.

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IFPRI VACANCY POSTING

POSITION # 12-145 (R)
(INTERNATIONALLY RECRUITED POSITION)

TITLE: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/RESEARCH FELLOW
REPORTS TO: MARK ROSEGRANT
DIVISION DIRECTOR
DIVISION: ENVIRONMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY (EPTD)
LOCATION: NEW DELHI, INDIA
GRADE: 15B/16B
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED

Job Summary:

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a qualified Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Fellow for its program on agricultural science, technology, and innovation (ST&I) policy in its Environment and Production Technology (EPTD) Division. This is a two year, exempt, fixed-term, renewable appointment based in New Delhi, India.

The division’s agricultural ST&I policy program seeks to identify policies that favor economic development and the broad-based adoption of productivity-enhancing, poverty-reducing agricultural innovations, and to develop global, regional, and national capacity for ST&I policy analysis, design and implementation. Current research areas include, but are not limited to: agricultural research and development; private investment in pro-poor technology development and delivery; science, technology, and innovation policy; agricultural extension and advisory services; project monitoring and evaluation; and other topics relating to ST&I policy for developing-country agriculture.

Please note Postdoctoral Fellow appointments at IFPRI have a maximum term of three (3) years, inclusive of any approved appointment extensions. The final grade level will be determined by demonstrated experience and track record of publications.

Essential Duties:

The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting scholarly research relating to agricultural ST&I policy in South Asia. The research will be conducted in collaboration with the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA), a project launched in 2009 in partnership with other CGIAR centers and national institutions. CSISA aims to decrease hunger and malnutrition and increase food security among resource-poor, small-scale farm families in South Asia through the accelerated development and inclusive deployment of new varieties, sustainable management technologies, and pro-poor public policies. The project intends to provide scientific, technical,
and policy options to accelerate short- and long-term cereal production growth in South Asia’s most important grain baskets. See http://www.ifpri.org/book-736/node/8754 for IFPRI’s work to date under CSISA and http://sites.google.com/site/csisaportal/ for CSISA’s own website featuring its activities and partners.

The successful candidate will participate in a range of activities including, but not limited to:

- Conducting literature reviews, field survey work, in-depth data analysis, and policy analysis on farm-level constraints to productivity growth and the impacts of adoption of resource-conserving technologies in the rice-wheat and related farming systems of South Asia.
- Supporting efforts to strengthen the capacity of partner organizations and networks to conduct scholarly research and communicate evidence-based policy recommendations on ST&I policy for South Asia.
- Supporting efforts to build an effective data management, monitoring, and evaluation system for the project.
- Preparing project reports, research papers, presentations, and publishable journal articles in collaboration with the ST&I program team at IFPRI, CSISA project researchers, and other collaborators and partners.

The successful candidate will also be responsible for: (a) identifying new research topics and designing new research activities for the ST&I program in South Asia; (b) raising stakeholder awareness and donor funds in support of the ST&I program’s long-term research agenda in South Asia; and (c) strengthening IFPRI’s participation in national and regional networks on ST&I policy.

The successful candidate will work with a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team of researchers, and is expected to engage in a broad range of research projects and activities in South Asia.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. degree in economics, agricultural economics, development economics, science and technology policy, development studies, or other appropriate disciplines.
- Understanding of South Asian agriculture, including issues relating to smallholder farming systems, agribusiness, and technology adoption
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; Proficiency in STATA or other statistical software
- Excellent verbal and written English, as well as strong interpersonal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to handle multiple tasks and produce completed products on time
- Excellent analytical skills
- Ability to work both independently and within a multi-disciplinary and multicultural team environment

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience in surveys and field work is an advantage
IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply.

TO APPLY:

Go to www.ifpri.org. Click on “Careers” and “Research Positions” to link you to Position # 12-145 – Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow, EPTD. Please complete on-line application, including a complete curriculum vitae and a detailed letter of interest. Also complete section providing 3 references.

For more information on IFPRI, please visit our website at www.ifpri.org.