



**AFRICAN
SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS**

**The Institute of Biotechnology
and Agricultural Science
(IBSA)**

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE

Consultant for the Institute of Biotechnology and Agricultural Science (IBSA)

OVERVIEW OF IBSA

IBSA is a research institute being founded in affiliation with the African School of Economics. IBSA will have four primary units:

- The Horticulture and Breeding Unit
- The Product Technology Unit
- The Policy and Agribusiness Management Unit
- The Quality and Norm Control Unit

Research will be conducted on 20 hectares of experimental farms; there will also be training programs for students of agriculture and farmers.

Potential partners include the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of the Development and Planning, Princeton University's Center for Information Technology Policy (USA), and Lotus (USA)

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set up the research program of the IBSA
- Contribute to the Business Plan development of IBSA and its fundraising effort
- Lead recruitment efforts of research and administrative staff
- Contribute to the establishment of academic and business partnerships between IBSA and institutions in Benin, the US and elsewhere.
- Launch the implementation of the program, with the start of two priority research projects to be defined.
- Work with ASE operations to establish the ASE experimental farms.

DESIRED SKILLS

Ph.D. in Agriculture, Biotechnology, or a Related Field
At least 2 years of research experience
French and English bilingualism is preferred

CONDITIONS AND COMPENSATION

This is a short-term (1 year), part-time position (with the possibility of extension)
Remuneration will be commensurate to experience.

CONTACT

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