

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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RESEARCH OFFICER I

Established in 1970 and headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (www.icipe.org) is distinct, being the only research organisation in Africa working primarily on insects and other arthropods. icipe is also the sole institution that combines research and development activities across plant health, human health, animal health, and environmental health. icipe generates world-class scientific knowledge and translates it into insect-based, nature-positive, One Health innovations that sustainably transform millions of livelihoods across Africa and beyond. Additionally, icipe nurtures Africa's talent and leadership in insect science through the Centre's long-standing programmes in doctoral and postdoctoral training, advancement of research and innovation in applied sciences, engineering, and technology, and the creation of a bioeconomy in Africa. The Centre has about 500 international and national staff, operations in more than 40 countries in Africa, and over 300 partnerships with diverse organisations across the world. For additional information, visit: (www.icipe.org).

Please also download *icipe's* Vision and Strategy 2021–2025:
<http://www.icipe.org/publications/corporate-publications/vision-and-strategy>.

icipe seeks to recruit a **Research Officer I** under the **Regional Multi-actor Research Network for Agroecology (RMRN-EA)**. The position is tenable in Nairobi at the *icipe* Duduville campus. This is a one year contract, renewable subject to continued position needs, funding for the position, and performance of the staff member. This is a nationally recruited position. A competitive compensation package will be offered to the right candidate. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Overall Purpose of the Job

To support field operations of the RMRN-EA through technical backstopping of agroecological innovations being tested in the living labs.

Specific duties

The successful candidate is expected to:

- Lead the technical backstopping and capacity building to national partners, extension officers, and model farmers on innovations under validation in the living labs.
- Manage field equipment and resources.
- Undertake bioassays in laboratory, screenhouse, and under field conditions as assigned by supervisor.
- Lead the team rearing pests and parasitoids for experiments and field release.
- Collate field data remitted by partners via the ODK platform.
- Undertake exploratory data analyses, data visualisation, and drafting reports.
- Draft manuscripts and support science communication.

- Spearhead dissemination activities through planning and execution of exhibitions during stakeholder engagement events, including field days and agricultural.
- Perform any other duty that may be assigned by the supervisor(s)

Requirements/ qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in a relevant field.
- At least 3 years' experience in facilitating field operations.
- Experience in rearing and field release of insects.
- Experience in multi-stakeholder engagements across countries, in a research for development environment.
- Experience in drafting reports and manuscripts.
- Ability to manage field equipment and resources.

Reporting

This position reports to the **Project Coordinator**.

How to apply

Applications will be accepted up to 4th November 2025. Interested applicants should submit: (a) a confidential cover letter; (b) a detailed CV with names and addresses of 3 referees (including e-mail addresses); and (c) a statement illustrating suitability against the listed qualifications/competencies/abilities, and skills.

Candidates are required to apply via email: recruitment@icipe.org (Kindly quote the Ref. No. and the position title on the email subject).

(In your application, please include your current and expected basic salary per month. This is a mandatory requirement.)

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