

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION OPENINGS IN AGROSAVIA Position Announcement No. A-1702019

Researcher in the area of rural sociology

The Colombian Corporation for Agricultural Research, AGROSAVIA, (<u>http://www.agrosavia.co</u>) is a joint public-private, decentralized, not-for-profit institution of scientific and technical nature. The Corporation's purpose is generating scientific knowledge; developing agricultural technologies through research, technology adaptation and transfer; providing technical assistance for improving production competitiveness, equitable distribution of technology benefits, and sustainable use of natural resources; strengthening Colombia's scientific and technological capacities; and contributing to improving the population's quality of life.

AGROSAVIA strategically manages seven key innovation networks in the general fields of vegetables, fruits, permanent crops (palms of economic interest, forestry species, and rubber), short term season crops, roots and tubers, cacao, and livestock (cattle and minor species). Research is carried out at research centers and agricultural fields from a network of 13 research stations located throughout the country's different agricultural regions.

In its role as driving force, actor and support for the National Science and Agroindustrial Technology System, AGROSAVIA backstops the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in coordinating, systematizing and transmitting knowledge among actors in the Agriculture and Livestock Technical Assistance Subsystem. To fulfill this commitment, the Corporation develops strategies to link and transfer technology and knowledge to the agriculture and livestock sector.

AGROSAVIA is currently designing an institutional, systematic and on-going strategy to improve the impact of science and technology activities developed by the Corporation. This effort implies including economic criteria and social indicators in its research projects to foment agricultural and rural development, inclusive growth, poverty reduction, gender equality and sustainable livelihoods.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Lead and contribute interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and participatory projects and activities that promote rural development and technology adoption, by integrating activities with other knowledge areas in order to improve the social impact of AGROSAVIA's science and technology activities, in collaboration with other stakeholders in the national agricultural innovation system.



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KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop participatory and innovative strategies and approaches to promote environmentally, economically and socially sustainable agricultural development.
- Lead actions that promote participatory research, actions and evaluations with groups, organizations and communities.
- Design and apply methodologies, technologies and analysis instruments for interpreting and applying results of social, economic and cultural characterization processes to evaluate the impact of AGROSAVIA's science and technology activities.
- Design and implement tools to measure and differentiate decisions made by communities and producer associations in different production systems.
- Collaborate with AGROSAVIA's other researchers in discussing and executing research activities in his/her field of expertise.
- Serve as an internal peer in advising, reviewing and giving written concepts on projects, final reports and publications submitted for his/her consideration.
- Serve as mentor and supervise junior researchers and students participating in corporate dynamics.
- Establish effective liaison with national and international scientific communities, and with private sector agencies.
- Prepare reports and publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals in the field of research projects or activities in which he/she participates as executor or co-executor.
- Participate in events having to do with liaison or dissemination of research highlights among technical assistants and agencies in the field related to territorial innovation nuclei.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in rural sociology, social science, rural societies, or related areas.
- Experience analyzing and measuring behavior, preferences and decisions of rural communities, rural technical assistants and their internal and external interrelationships affecting agricultural and livestock production. Knowledge of andragogy is desirable.
- Knowledge of the main theoretical approaches in the disciplines of social science and ability to express this knowledge in research processes aimed at sustainable rural development.
- Fluency in English and enough knowledge of Spanish to enable communicating with staff in carrying out research activities.
- Ability to work in a team and provide guidance to other research teams.
- Proven ability in preparing research proposals.
- The candidate is expected to have the scientific and technological productivity requirements for the position.



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TERMS OF OFFICE

This is a permanent position. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications (AGROSAVIA's starting monthly salary for PhD researchers is \$10'815.200 Colombian currency, which is competitive by Colombian standards). The position will be based at the Tibaitatá Research Center, located in Mosquera, Cundinamarca.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Persons interested in the position should send the following documents in English, to the email jobs@agrosavia.co. The subject line should specify: *Position Announcement No. A-1702019.*

- Updated Curriculum Vitae including list of publications, working experience, a brief description of your most relevant research results, and professional references with contact information.
- Cover letter highlighting experience that qualifies you for the position.
- Along with your resume, please send the following documents:
 - ✓ Type of ID document
 - ✓ Number of the ID document
 - ✓ Contact phone
 - ✓ Profession
 - ✓ Country of residence
 - ✓ Skype user name

CLOSING DATE

The position will remain open until 03/07/2019, or later, until a suitable candidate has been identified.



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