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	LOCATION:	Kigali, Rwanda	RECRUITMENT TYPE:	National

POSITION SUMMARY

AKADEMIYA2063 (A2063) was established to continue and expand the portfolio of policy research and capacity-strengthening support for implementing the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP). AKADEMIYA2063 overall mission is to provide data, policy analysis, and capacity-strengthening support that enables African Union member states to achieve inclusive and sustainable development and economic prosperity. AKADEMIYA2063's programs portfolio consists of The Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (ReSAKSS), the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium, and the Malabo Montpellier Panel (MaMo Panel).

AKADEMIYA2063 has a vacancy for a Budget and Grants Officer (BGO) who will provide support to the Chief of Staff (CoS) to ensure efficient management of the budgeting and grants management aspects of the organization' projects and Programs. S/he will assist with the initial set-up of a broad range of grants, including proper maintenance of documentation thereof, and in the day-to-day work of project grants and contracts processes in coordination with other applicable staff. The BGO will support pre-award management, grants receivables, internal monthly life of grant reports, grant audits, and budget compliance through management of information and documentation flow, organization of/preparation for meetings and follow-up on actions required and deadlines/commitments made, and maintenance of protocol procedures. The successful candidate should possess a very high degree of initiative, a proven ability to handle multiple demands of a dynamic and evolving office; demonstrated reliability and resourcefulness combined with an excellent work ethic, strong interpersonal skills, and commitment to work in a team-oriented, multicultural environment. Interested applicants must have the proper authorization to work in Rwanda.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the CoS, the BGO will perform the following duties:

- Support the development of proposals budgets and provide support in the post-award grant management process by ensuring compliance to donor regulations and adherence to all internal policies and procedures.
- Receive and organize all documentation relating to new awards and modifications, summarize
 key donor conditions on a Grant Data Sheet and distribute appropriate key information to
 applicable staff in a timely manner.
- Proactively disseminate information about up-coming grant milestones (grants coming to an end, reports due, grants closed, etc.) to appropriate staff (Project/Program Managers, Finance & Admin Staff, etc..) to ensure compliance with grant conditions.
- Assign personnel and other direct costs distribution, administer the timesheet system, ensuring timesheet updates and adjustments are in accordance with the organizational approved operating budget.

- Support the development of subaward documents, grant, and contract agreements; conduct pre-award reviews/ due diligence assessment of possible partners and/or grantee organizations, in addition to periodic monitoring reviews during implementation and at close-out. Maintain systems for grant and sub-grant tracking and reporting.
- Run and share weekly/monthly grant spending reports and analyze for correct spending pattern
 and compliance to donor budget; flag any key highlights requiring action to Chief of Staff and
 Director of Finance & Administration. Ensure all grants spending are on track and provide reports
 on any budget risks promptly.
- Run bi-monthly/monthly grants receivable and advance reports to ensure accurate and timely donor invoicing and drawdowns.
- Manage project database and support Grants Managers and coordinators in keeping an accurate
 and up-to-date Grants/Proposals Filing system on the Shared Drive to ensure documents are
 easily accessible for day-to-day work and internal/external audit purposes.
- Conduct desk research on donor rules and regulations for new opportunities or existing grants, as needed.
- Assemble data required on a recurrent basis to assist in the preparation of reports, analysis, and presentations on grantee/activity performance.
- Support the Grant close-out process to ensure that grants are closed out within budget and established timeframes.
- Support other projects, initiatives, work streams and any other work, as assigned or required.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or closely related field. M.Sc. strongly preferred but a bachelor's degree will be considered with two additional minimum years of relevant experience
- At least 4 years of relevant working experience within a donor funded nonprofit organization
- Fluency in written and spoken English is required, French is a plus
- Solid knowledge of grant management principles, including U.S. government funding, European Union, and German donors
- Experience communicating financial information to a non-financial audience

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Ability to organize and present issues in a clear, concise, and logical manner
- Strong technical skills, including MS Excel, and ability to navigate within accounting systems and other databases
 - Ability to manage competing priorities, meet demanding deadlines, exercise good judgment, and quickly identify and resolve problems with minimum supervision
- Ability to manage sensitive and confidential matters with the highest level of professionalism
- Ability to provide good customer service with patience and a sense of urgency
- Ability to work as part of a team in a multicultural environment
- Must have excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to interact professionally with staff, partners, and donors

APPLICATION DETAILS

If you are interested in this position, please send your detailed e-mail application: CV and cover letter in English, by **October 18, 2021,** to <u>careers@akademiya2063.org</u>. <u>Please include the position title in the subject line.</u>

We thank all applicants for their interest in working for AKADEMIYA2063. Due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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AKADEMIYA2063 is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified women are encouraged to apply.

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