

THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA NSUKKA

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

A Centre under the auspices of UNESCO

Executive Director of the International Centre of Biotechnology at the University of Nigeria Nsukka (ICB – UNN) a UNESCO Category II Centre

The newly founded International Centre for Biotechnology under the auspices of UNESCO, located in the university town of Nsukka, in South-Eastern Nigeria, is seeking a highly motivated Director to drive its launch and subsequent growth.

The ideal candidate for the post should have an excellent track record of research and publication in a relevant field in the area of Biotechnology and at least five years' experience either as a senior researcher or Director of an equivalent institute. In addition, the candidate should possess proven managerial and interpersonal skills, which will be deployed in overseeing the overall research activities of the Institute, fostering productive partnerships with collaborators and stakeholders and the attraction of resources through research grants and other fund-raising activities, which may be needed for the sustenance and growth of the Institute.

As the first Director of the Institute, you will play a vital role in driving the strategic vision of the Institute and will have a responsibility for ensuring that the Institute becomes internationally recognized as one of the premier research centres in Africa. You will be responsible for ensuring that the Institute achieves international recognition as a regional centre for innovative research in the mandate areas of Food Security, Bio-resource Conservation and Tropical Disease.

Candidates must hold a PhD or an equivalent title in a relevant field of study, such as Molecular Biology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Microbiology and Medicine, and should be actively involved in research.

Candidates will be offered a competitive salary and conditions of service, and will receive a relocation allowance.

Additional information on this post can be found at: <http://www.unesco.org/new/ICB-UNN>

Applicants should send a cover letter, CV with full list of publications, a concise description of concept of the development and management of ICB-UNN and a statement of research interest to: I.hoareau@unesco.org. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a presentation at ICB-UNN during a special meeting of the International Advisory Board in the spring of 2014.

For more information, please contact Prof. Bartholomew N. Okolo, Chair of the ICB-UNN International Advisory Board (bato_okolo@yahoo.com), Prof. Jerry Ugwuanyi, Project Coordinator, ICB-UNN (phone: +234-8033066518; Email: jerry.ugwuanyi@unn.edu.ng) or Professor Maciej J. Nalecz, Director of the International Basic Sciences Programme, UNESCO (m.nalecz@unesco.org).