



**Honduran Foundation for Agricultural Research**

## **Invites applications for the position of DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Director of Research is responsible for organizing and managing the research activities of the Foundation. FHIA comprises crop-specific programs in Banana and Plantain breeding, Cacao and Agroforestry, Diversification crops (primarily fruits and spices), and Vegetables, as well as departments in plant protection (including plant pathology, entomology, nematology and weed science), post harvest handling and agricultural economics. The Foundation has its own communications center with a library. It operates laboratories in soil chemistry and pesticide residues. FHIA's primary clients are from the agriculture sector of Honduras. It also provides technical assistance and agricultural services in other Central American countries. The position is based in La Lima, Cortés, Honduras, at FHIA's main facilities and requires routine in-country travel. More information on FHIA is found at [www.fhia.org.hn](http://www.fhia.org.hn).

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifications include a doctorate in an agricultural discipline, preferably in horticulture, plant protection or plant breeding, and at least 10 years in agricultural research administration. The successful candidate will be fully bilingual in Spanish and English. The Director of Research is the second-highest position in FHIA and, as such, is expected to participate in the administration of the Foundation and in the preparation of technical proposals to insure funding for Foundation core activities.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FHIA**

FHIA is a private, apolitical, not-for-profit foundation dedicated to the development and transfer of agricultural technology on a broad range of tropical and sub-tropical crops. The Foundation has 320 employees and manages four field experimental and demonstrative centers throughout Honduras.

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Review of applications will begin January, 2012, and will continue until the position is filled.

