



Call for Writing and Editorial Consultants

Advertisement to maintain the International Professional Consultancy Roster

The Global Crop Diversity Trust is an international organization with headquarters in Bonn, Germany whose mission is to ensure the conservation and availability of crop diversity for food security worldwide. For further information about the Global Crop Diversity Trust, consult the web page at <http://croptrust.org>

To ensure that Crop Trust is able to call upon a professionally qualified, gender-balanced, geographically diverse, linguistically able and highly motivated corps of professionals for a range of temporary assignments, an International Professional Consultancy Roster is being established.

The Crop Trust invites qualified individuals, including existing consultants, to submit their expression of interest (EOI) to be considered for future short- or long-term consultancy assignments at the Crop Trust. Please note that this call for EOI aims to pre-qualify consultants for assignments generally. It is not for any specific current needs. Through this outreach effort, the Crop Trust intends to identify qualified candidates, ready and available to serve as consultants in areas of work that are expected to require additional support for the foreseeable future.

The anticipated fields of expertise required includes:

Senior outreach writing and editing

- Experienced journalist with a keen eye for a good story and expert storytelling abilities
- Ability to break down complicated, technical information into digestible formats
- Experience writing for different audiences
- Adept interviewer
- Experienced editor, proofreader
- Native English speaker
- Experience in development or outreach preferred
- Knowledge of PGRFA or related is a plus

General outreach writing and editing

- Talented writer with the ability to craft a good story
- Experience interviewing sources and building rapport
- Native English speaker
- Knowledge of PGRFA or related is a plus

Science editing

- Experience editing professionally for international science journals and/or
- Experience editing professionally in the development and/or agricultural sectors
- Native English speaker
- Science editing certification preferred (e.g., BELS)
- PhD and/or verifiable publication record in a relevant field (e.g., crop science, botany, agricultural economics) preferred



Copy editing and proofreading

- Native English speaker
- Experienced in copy editing for SCI journals or technical publications
- Knowledge of main style guides (e.g., CSE, APA, AMA)
- Degree in a biological science or equivalent experience in a research environment preferred
- Experience with collaborative editing tools and publishing software preferred

The consulting work for these roles will focus on the following activities:

- Drafting press releases, news articles, speeches, blog stories and other outreach products
- Drafting technical reports, annual reports and similar communication products
- Editing and proofreading the above

However, note again that this application is for the general roster of qualified applicants and not for a specific project or position.

Requirements for application:

1. All consulting experts should be familiar with the mission and mandate of the Crop Trust, and depending on the level and area of the consultancy, show expertise and substantive knowledge in the area requested.
2. Candidates must have a minimum number of **3 years** of relevant professional experience, preferably in the international context.
3. Candidates for the roster must possess at least a university degree or relevant qualification (e.g., BA/BSc) in the required area of expertise or an unrelated degree and equivalent professional experience.
4. The Crop Trust is committed to diversity and inclusion and encourages qualified candidates of all genders from all national, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply.

Interested candidates are instructed to send a recent CV and a brief cover letter to trustvacancy@croptrust.org with the subject line "Writing and Editorial Consultant Roster" by **22 February 2020**. Please also include up to 3 samples of relevant work. The cover letter should indicate the areas of expertise from the list above to which the candidate wishes to apply and confirm that the candidate meets the specific and general requirements for the area(s) of expertise. Candidates are welcome to apply for more than one area of expertise in the same application.

A Crop Trust team will review the applications and identify suitable individuals for the roster. Applicants who have never worked for the Crop Trust and are deemed qualified will be contacted for further assessment. Applicants who do not meet the selection criteria will also be notified.