



Scientific Project Manager

Job type: Full-time, 4-year duration position

Location: Remote, U.S.-based, with the option to work from FFAR's Washington, D.C. office

Salary: \$112,000-\$135,000

Organization Description

The [Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research](#) (FFAR) is a non-profit organization that builds public-private partnerships to fund audacious research addressing the biggest challenges in food and agriculture. FFAR is committed to providing every person access to affordable, nutritious food grown on thriving farms. The Foundation pioneers scientific and technological innovation by funding research that fills critical research gaps. Ultimately, FFAR's partnership and results benefit farmers, consumers and the environment.

FFAR's research is a core facet of the organization, developed in collaboration with industry, government, academia and non-profit institutions. The Foundation's research focuses on catalyzing innovation to solve pressing food and agriculture challenges. Leveraging public and private resources, FFAR increases the scientific and technological research, innovation and partnerships critical to enhancing sustainable production of nutritious food for a growing global population. FFAR currently supports research in six [Challenge Areas](#):

- Soil Health
- Sustainable Water Management
- Next Generation Crops
- Advanced Animal Systems
- Health-Agriculture Nexus
- Urban Food Systems

In addition to research programs, FFAR's [Scientific Workforce Development](#) programs prepare today's scientific workforce to address the food and agriculture challenges of tomorrow.

Climate change is creating numerous challenges for food and agriculture systems. FFAR's [AgMission™](#) initiative further supports research enabling agriculture to reach net-zero



greenhouse gas emissions and advance the widespread adoption of climate-smart agriculture.

Position Description

FFAR is seeking an exceptional scientist to serve as Scientific Project Manager (SPM) and to provide project management and technical leadership for FFAR's Efficient Fertilizer Consortium.

The SPM reporting to the AgMission Director will have oversight for the design, programmatic management and evaluation of a portfolio of research activities spanning the breadth of the Efficient Fertilizer Consortium research opportunities.

The SPM will lead and oversee prioritization processes that seek stakeholder input and expert analysis to guide the allocation of FFAR's and externally leveraged resources towards innovative research that addresses gaps and challenges in fertilizer efficiency in the face of global challenges around food security, climate change and environmental sustainability.

The SPM will be expected to ensure funds are expended in line with FFAR's policies and overall strategic priorities. Additionally, the SPM will work collaboratively with the Operations and Impact Teams to assist in the evaluation and impact assessment of FFAR investments made through the Consortium. The SPM will further liaise with executive branch agencies that are providing funding for this effort and ensure that funds are expended in accordance with U.S. government policy and regulations.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the Efficient Fertilizer Consortium
- With Consortium Participants, establish research portfolio priorities
- Fulfill federal agency reporting requirements and support communications with agency stakeholders
- Engage with research partners, including through international travel
- Represent FFAR and the Consortium to external stakeholders to advance research partnerships and leverage resources
- Foster a culture of teamwork, equity and inclusion across all internal and external engagement

Qualifications

- Advanced academic degree in plant mineral nutrition, ion transport, soil health, agronomy, or closely related field. PhD degree highly preferred.
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Ability to discover and cultivate professional relationships and networks to leverage resources and create public-private partnerships
- Ability to work with flexibility, efficiency, enthusiasm, and diplomacy both individually and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate complex business and scientific issues succinctly and effectively
- Highest levels of personal and professional integrity

Application and Nomination Process

To apply for this position, click here [Recruitment \(adp.com\)](#)

This position will be open until January 27, 2023. Applications should consist of a substantive cover letter and resume. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

Additional Information

This position requires long periods of sitting at a desk and working on a computer. Travel will be required, both domestically and internationally. Work outside of normal business hours may be required.

Benefits Offerings:

- Comprehensive medical insurance
- 100% company paid dental and vision insurance for employees and family
- 100% life and disability insurance
- 6%, 401k Match – fully vested after first contribution
- Employee Assistance Program
- Robust vacation, sick, holiday and parental leave
- On-site gym with free access for employees



- Training, tuition assistance and developmental opportunities

EEO Statement

FFAR is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are considered for positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information or any other category protected by applicable federal, state or local laws. Applications are encouraged from individuals who may fall into any such groups, as well as from veterans and uniformed service members.