

**Position: Research Officer and Technician
Cassava Biotechnology Programme
PI: Professor Chrissie Rey
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Start: 1 February 2010 (or as soon as possible)

Contract: One Year

Qualifications: Masters or PhD in Plant Biotechnology or Microbiology and Molecular Biology. Knowledge of plant tissue culture and transformation would be advantageous.

Job Description:

A. Lab Management (40%)

- To run the laboratory and cassava research program. This will involve mainly ordering of chemicals for the laboratory and keeping inventory.
- Organization of lab meetings and journal clubs
- Generally assisting PG students.
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B. Research (60%)

- This will involve working with the cassava team focusing on transformation of cassava FEC by *Agrobacterium* or bombardment, regeneration and molecular characterization of transgenic plants.
- Micro-propagation of transgenic plantlets and acclimatization for greenhouse trials.

Salary: Will depend on qualifications and experience.

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