



The Center for Agricultural Research in Suriname (CELOS) is a leading institute in providing quality applied technological research and services in the agriculture and forestry industry and contributes to sustainable development.

In the pursuit of delivering high quality and socially relevant research and rendering more efficient services, there is a vacancy for the position of:

**Scientific Assistant in the department of Wood Technology
(Assistant Wood Technologist)**

Purpose of the position:

To give direction and co-manage the department in the realization of the objectives of CELOS.

Job description:

1. Plan the setup of research/experiments and performs them
2. Process and analyze results and data
3. Publish the results of research in peer reviewed journals
4. Responsible for the transfer of knowledge
5. Maintain contacts with relevant local and international stakeholders
6. Draft or assist in the drafting of new research project proposals for raising funds and subsidies
7. Contribute to the formulation of policy views
8. Formulate programs, plans and projects for the benefit of research and rendering of services
9. Coordinate projects and manages the projects under supervision of the department head
10. Responsible for coaching students in internships and practical work
11. Conduct field work to give the research a scientific basis
12. Give presentations of current work and findings at (academic) conferences and, in this regard, describe the essence of the research, the methodology and the results
13. Participate in workshops and seminars
14. Assist in the production of informative products, such as bulletins, articles, manuals, field books, practical guides, posters, fact sheets, flyers and audio, photo and video productions
15. Participate in committees and work groups, both internally and externally

Additional duties:

- a. Visit saw mills by appointment and/or collect and process wood residue for research and educational purposes and as material for the production of wood collection boxes
- b. Responsible for the quality control of collected or purchased wood for the production of samples (wood samples) for collection boxes
- c. Responsible for managing/monitoring the wood stock and other consumer items, equipment and aids
- d. Responsible for the control and monitoring of all work procedures in the work hall and the test laboratory
- e. Responsible for the control and monitoring of the safety and environmental aspects and maintenance of all testing and processing equipment of the department
- f. Provide support to the department head in coaching students and in drafting research plans as well as in activities with and for the forestry sector

- g. Responsible for submitting to the department head written monthly reports of activities carried out

Requirements:

- Higher Vocational Education degree in Forestry, Wood Technology or Wood Science
- At least 5 years management experience
- Driven leader with organizational talent
- Empathic and strong communication skills
- Conceptual, analytical and practical attitude
- Proactive, sticks to deadlines
- Good oral and written command of the Dutch and English language
- Willingness to attend (internal and external) training courses in wood technology, machine maintenance, etc.

We offer:

A salary in accordance with the wage classification system of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname and good primary employment terms and fringe benefits

To be considered for this position applicants should send a cover letter, their CV and two (2) references to the head of Human Resource Management, Mrs. G. Harlianto, address: Prof. Dr. Ir. Jan Ruinardlaan (University complex), E-mail apz@celos.sr.org.