

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE NIGERIA



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

JOB TITLE	AAKTP Technician - Data-enabled Innovations and IoT Applications for Enhancing the Productivity of Broiler Chickens in Nigeria				
DEPARTMENT	Department of Animal Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Obafemi Awolowo University, Osun State, Nigeria				
LOCATION	Taro Agric Consulting, Plot VI, Makinde Fadirepo Street, Idi Iroko, Ile-Ife, 220021, Osun State, Nigeria				
JOB NUMBER	TACKTP0002	GRADE	Salary: NGN150,000.00	DATE	March 31, 2023
REPORTS TO	Managing Director, Taro Agric Consulting, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria				

CONTEXT

Background: Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria, in conjunction with Taro Agric Consulting (TAC), Nigeria, and the University of the West of England (UWE), UK, has been successful in securing a United Kingdom government international grant through the African AgriFood Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP) Round 3, administered and managed by *Innovate UK* (<https://ktn-uk.org/agrifood/gcrf-agrifood-africa-programme/>). The main objective of the project is the application of data-enabled innovations to commercial chicken production in Nigeria, for the improvement and optimization of broiler chicken business enterprises.

The Candidate: We want to recruit a HND/B.Agric/BSc Animal Production Technology/Animal Science graduate for the position above. The candidate should have good knowledge of livestock industry operations and value chains, as well as the application of digital technologies to operations in the livestock industry. She or he must be able to assist the AAKTP Associate to establish and operationalize the IoT infrastructure for data capture for the generation of analytics and insights for real-time decision-making for optimal operations in a broiler chicken enterprise. Graduates of other fields (including holders of Diplomas) with requisite qualifications and experiences (10 years or more) in industrial poultry production and management can also apply. However, preferences will be given to graduates of Animal Production Technology/Animal Sciences who meet the requirements above.

The candidate must be a person of impeccable integrity and strong moral character, with the ability to relate excellently with staff and personnel in a cross-cultural setting. She or he must be of good physical and mental health, with a pleasant disposition.

Job Responsibilities: In order to support the TAC business (broiler chicken production) growth plan, the Technician will

- ✓ Supervise operations at broiler chicken farm units, including all value chain operations from input supply through production, distribution and marketing of broiler chickens
- ✓ Coordinate activities of outgrower broiler chicken units.

In addition, the candidate will **assist** the AAKTP Associate in project implementation, especially with respect to the following:

- ✓ Setting up and managing infrastructure (IoT sensors, toolkits, database, IoT web interface etc.) for data-enabled innovations for efficient broiler chicken production,
- ✓ Performance benchmarks for the optimization of business operations in a broiler chicken enterprise,
- ✓ Other responsibilities as specified by the project partners.

Conditions of Service: This appointment is for a period of 15 months. The salary and other conditions of service are as specified under the African AgriFood Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP) Round 3, administered and managed by *Innovate UK* (<https://ktn-uk.org/agrifood/gcrf-agrifood-africa-programme/>).

Method of Application: The application package from each candidate should include the following:

- ✓ A letter of application stating qualifications and suitability for the job,
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae, stating, among other details, academic and professional qualifications, work experience with dates, and names and addresses of three referees,
- ✓ Reports from three referees.

All application materials are to be forwarded to tacuweoau@oauife.edu.ng, a copy to soseni@oauife.edu.ng, with the subject line indicating **AAKTP Technician Recruitment**. Receipt of applications will close on the **30th of April, 2023**.

M. I. Omosule (Mrs.)
Registrar (OAU)

