

**Position: Contract Faculty of Agriculture.**

**Location:** Cuttington University, Suakoko, Bong County, Liberia, West Africa.

**Institutions:** Cuttington University (Liberia) and Rutgers University (New Jersey, USA).

**Level:** One year contracts, renewable based upon performance.

**Category:** Agriculture, Plant/Soil, Animal Sciences, Agribusiness/Extension, Forestry, Natural Resources.

**Employment Status:** Full-time.

**Background:** The Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development (EHELD) program is funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID/Liberia) to strengthen Liberian higher education institutions needed to develop Centers of Excellence in fields critical to future national development. The Department of Plant Biology and Pathology at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, a member of the EHELD consortium is now recruiting a cluster of contract faculty hires to support the Agriculture Center of Excellence at Cuttington University, College of Agriculture and Sustainable Development (CASD).

**Scope of work:** The successful candidates will teach new and revised curricula at **Cuttington University (Suakoko, Bong County, Liberia)** CASD, in the following core areas of:

1. Forestry and Natural Resource Management
2. Agricultural Engineering, Crop Production (including horticulture)
3. Agricultural and/or Natural Resource Economics/Extension
4. Animal Sciences (anatomy, physiology, nutrition)
5. Gender issues in Agriculture

Teaching expectations will include primary responsibility for freshman through senior-level courses (**up to three/four per semester**) and getting involved with student farm and research projects. The teaching load is negotiable especially if the successful candidate is actively involved in extension and research activities.

**Qualifications:** Minimum qualifications include an earned M.S. or Ph.D. degree in the areas listed above. Also required is evidence of strong teaching experience, dedication to undergraduate teaching and demonstrated accomplishments in research and/or outreach. Additional qualifications include excellent communications skills, evidence of capabilities to create and deliver university-level lecture courses, ability to interact positively with other disciplines within the College of Agriculture and the University and commitment to help contribute toward the building of a center of excellence in agriculture. A Ph.D. degree will increase the chance for selection and appointment. Positions are also available for individuals wishing to take sabbaticals.

**Employment package:** The employment package includes a competitive salary (paid in US dollars), round trip airfare to/from candidate's country of residency and free housing on campus provided by Cuttington University.

**Application packet:** Interested candidates should submit letter of interest, curriculum vitae and contact information for three professional references by email to Dr. Rodolfo Juliani, Rutgers University ([hjuliani@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:hjuliani@rci.rutgers.edu), in the subject email, include the keywords "contract faculty"). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until suitable candidates are found. Anticipated start date is immediately (**April/May 2015**), with additional openings in July/August 2015 and February 2016.

**About Cuttington University:** Cuttington University is one of the oldest private universities in Africa and since its foundation in 1889, the University has been dedicated to helping talented, motivated students hone their skills, define their goals, and follow their dreams. The main campus is situated at Suakoko in the center of Bong County, 120 miles North West of Monrovia, strategically located at the center of the country. The University three hours from Monrovia by car or in less than fifty minutes by air. The University is housed in several buildings surrounded by a picturesque campus (1,500 acres) most of which is devoted to agricultural research and production.