**Situation Vacant**

Punjab Institute of Agricultural Marketing (PIAM) is looking forward to hire the services of two well qualified, energetic and diligent candidates to work as Research Associates (RAs) in a PARB funded project to undertake Food Certification Study. The TORs of the study can be down loaded from [**http://www.amis.pk**](http://www.amis.pk)or can be had from the office of the Director, Punjab Institute of Agricultural Marketing (PIAM), 21-Davis Road, Lahore. The details of the RAs are as below:-

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| **Sr. No** | **Name of Post** | **Required Qualification and experience** | **Pay Package** |
| 1 |  Research Associate | MSC in any discipline of Agriculture with 5 years of relevant experience | Rs. 60,000/- per month |
| 2 | Research Associate | MSC in any discipline of Agriculture. Candidates having relevant experience will be preferred. | Rs. 40,000/- per month |

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. The recruitment shall be made purely on contract basis only for 5 months.
2. All the candidates must be domiciled in Punjab.
3. Attested copies of testimonials and computerized National identity Card must be attached with the application.
4. Only shortlisted candidates shall be called for test/interview.
5. Employees of Government/semi Government departments shall apply through proper channel.
6. No TA/DA shall be admissible for appearing for the test/interview.
7. Last date for submission of applications is **September 6, 2010.** The applications should be submitted to “**The Director, Punjab Institute of Agricultural Marketing (PIAM) , 21-Davis Road, Lahore” Ph: 99204630**

**Director, PIAM**

**TORs FOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATES**

Survey of Food Certification Business in the Punjab with special reference to;

1. Companies engaged in food certification/inspection and types of standards related to food qualities they are certifying for various commodities along with their foreign and local connection.
2. Survey of Human resources currently engaged in certification business along with their capacity to conduct this business and estimation of optimal human resource requirement to conduct this activity appropriately.
3. Identification of the problems faced by these companies to expand their business in the country and also to suggest how more internationally reputed companies can be
4. enticed to start their businesses for the purpose of expanding this business and create competition in the country?
5. Survey of selected food crops such as fruits and vegetables, processors and storage firms and traders who are currently implementing certain food standards and certifying their businesses for certain food quality standards or potentially can be easily certified for certain standards
6. Estimation of potential demand and benefits to the businesses, farming communities and government of compliance to food standards.
7. Cost involved in adopting and certifying certain food standards.
8. Problems/constraints in such compliance (implementing and certifying certain standard and accreditation of the certifiers)
9. The expectation from the Government in facilitating the compliance.
10. What rules/regulations need to be enacted or amended to boost food certification compliance and promotion?
11. What types of regulatory or monitoring framework is needed to expand the implementation of food compliance, and certified food trade in the country?
12. International Scenario of Food Compliance
13. A brief review of the certification regimes in Vietnam, India and Thailand for at least two major successful commodities in each country.
14. Provide a complete food compliance framework along with the regulatory, policy, and institutional requirements in Pakistan.