



## Senior Scientific Program Manager

Reporting to the Deputy Executive Director, ILSI Research Foundation, the Senior Scientific Program Manager (SSPM) contributes to the continued development and implementation of the ILSI Research Foundation's applied research and capacity building programs related to the safety assessment of foods developed with advanced technologies, like biotechnology. The SSPM works closely with multiple internal and external partners to ensure that programs are science-focused, have broad participation from multiple sectors, and are directed toward concrete and achievable objectives. The position is in Washington, DC, and requires 30% domestic and international travel.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develops and implements research programs that advance the science that informs the safety assessment of foods developed with advanced technologies, like biotechnology. This includes organizing and convening multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary expert working groups, preparing manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication, and representing the ILSI Research Foundation at conferences and other scientific convenings.
- Helps guide knowledge dissemination, outreach and capacity building programs internationally, including technical workshops, symposia, and conferences that facilitate information sharing, dialogue, and harmonization of assessment methodologies and practices.
- Promotes partnerships between the ILSI Research Foundation and academic, governmental, non-governmental and private sector institutions and organizations to further the foundation's work.
- Helps ensure that programs are impactful by ensuring that appropriate monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are in place.

### QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Doctoral degree (Ph.D. or M.D.) in a food/feed safety related scientific discipline such as: food technology, microbiology or biochemistry; toxicology; human and/or animal nutrition, or other related areas.
- 10+ years of work experience after completion of Ph.D. in professional positions that are directly relevant to the safety assessment of foods and feeds derived from genetically engineered plants, or other advanced technologies.
- Proven experience in management and implementation of donor-funded projects involving technical capacity building.

- Excellent English-language oral and written communication skills, including presentation experience to high-level scientific and policy audiences, and publication in peer reviewed journals.
- Professional and diplomatic demeanor and conduct, and proven ability to work sensitively and effectively across cultures.
- Strong analytical and conceptual skills, and the ability to think and plan strategically,
- Attention to detail and ability to effectively and efficiently perform multiple tasks, and balance competing priorities within a required timeframe.
- Strong group facilitation skills.
- Advanced experience with Microsoft Office applications.

Individuals interested in applying for this position should send their resume and cover letter to [Careers@ilsj.org](mailto:Careers@ilsj.org).