

The University of Göttingen has a position opening for a

Post-Doctoral Researcher in Food Systems Economics

(all genders welcome)

to join the Research Training Group (RTG) 2654 “Sustainable Food Systems” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

The position should be filled by 1 September 2021. The regular working hours will be 100% (currently 39.8 hours per week) with a limited contract of three years to 31 August 2024. The salary is in accordance with the German public service salary scale E13 TVL. This is a qualification position for junior researchers pursuing an academic career after the PhD degree. The position is focused on research and has no regular teaching obligations.

The position involves interdisciplinary research on questions related to “Sustainable Food Systems”. Food and agriculture are playing key roles for many of the global challenges such as poverty, undernutrition, obesity, climate change, and biodiversity loss. It is obvious that the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieved without major changes in food production, distribution, and consumption. But what types of changes are useful and how these changes can be implemented politically, economically, and socially are open questions that will be addressed in the RTG, focusing on both rich and poor countries. The Program is implemented in cooperation with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC and KU Leuven in Belgium. Specific questions can be addressed to Prof. Martin Qaim (mqaim@uni-goettingen.de). The position is based in Göttingen (Germany), but will require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators. As part of our work-life-balance strategy, financial support for childcare costs during travel is possible.

Successful candidates will have an outstanding Master’s degree (or equivalent) and a PhD degree (completed or close to completion) in food and agricultural economics, development economics, general economics, sustainability studies, or related social sciences disciplines, experience with relevant research methods, proven interest in topics related to sustainable food systems, strong computer skills, and excellent command of the English language. Experience with data collection in an international context will be a plus. We also expect the successful candidate to be an active team player with experience in scientific cooperation and publication.

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The University has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life.



The mission of the University is to employ a greater number of severely disabled persons. Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

Please submit your application electronically until 15 February 2021 via the Online Application Portal. Further details about the RTG and the link to the application portal can be found on our website (www.uni-goettingen.de/sustainablefood).

Further questions can be directed to Dr. Melanie Grosse (phone: +49(0)551-39-20202, email: mgrosse@uni-goettingen.de).

Please note: With submission of your application, you accept the processing of your applicant data in terms of the data-protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the Information General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/hinweisdsqvo>.