

Doctoral Student Position for Agricultural Economist

The Chair of International Food Economics and Rural Development (Prof. Qaim) of the Georg-August-University of Göttingen (Germany) is searching for a doctoral student to carry out research on linkages between rural social services and agricultural growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. The position is funded for a period of three years and is open from January 2010 (exact starting date negotiable). The salary grade level is TVL E13 (50%).

The research project will be carried out jointly with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and local partners in Tanzania, Mozambique, and Burkina Faso. Building both on primary and secondary data, econometric models will be developed and used to analyze the impact of public expenditures in education, health, and other social services on agricultural productivity and income. The position will be based in Göttingen, but requires travel to the study countries for data collection and exchange with collaborators.

The successful candidate has an outstanding Master's degree (or equivalent) in agricultural economics, general economics, or a related discipline, strong analytical skills, experience with econometric and statistical methods, proven interest in topics related to development policy, strong computer skills, and excellent command of the English language. German language skills would be a plus.

The University strives to increase its proportion of female staff and specifically encourages qualified women to apply. Disabled persons with corresponding aptitude for the position will be favored.

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, academic certificates and transcripts, an executive summary of the Master's thesis, and names and email addresses of two references. The documents should be emailed until October 31, 2009, to Sylvia Schmidt (sschmid7@gwdg.de).