



PhD student position in International Agricultural Economics/ Rural Development at University of Göttingen, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development has an opening for a PhD student (wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter/in) to carry out research related to emerging high-value markets in developing countries.

Possible research areas may include, but are not limited to: contracts in agricultural value chains, learning and social networks, producer groups, grades and standards, implications of global agricultural markets on small-scale farmers and traders in developing countries, implications on food security and resource management. Interest in experimental research methods would be appreciated.

The PhD candidate will participate in a structured PhD program (i.e. IPAG) and assist in teaching and research in fields related to her or his PhD research. The position is 50% of a full time position and remunerated according to E13 TV-L (German public sector pay scale) for the duration of three years. Starting date is as soon as possible or upon agreement.

The candidate should have

- An excellent degree in agricultural economics, economics, or a related discipline
- Strong quantitative research skills
- A proven interest in topics related to development economics and rural development
- Very good command of the English and German language, other languages are a plus
- Interest, aptitude and preferably experience in carrying out field work in a developing country
- Strong organizational and communication skills

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

Please send your application (including a cover letter, full CV with the contact information of two referees, a 1-2 page research proposal, university certificates and transcripts, and if possible a writing sample, e.g. Master thesis) to Jun.-Prof. Dr. M. Wollni (mwollni1@uni-goettingen.de), Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, 37073 Göttingen, Germany.

Applications will be accepted until **April 15, 2009**, or until the position is filled. For more information about the Department please visit: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/18500.html>