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Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development
in Transition Economies

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle (Saale), Germany, invites applications for a

PhD scholarship in the area of agricultural policy

for a 36 months period within the Structured Doctoral Programme on “Sustainable Agricultural Development in Central Asia” (SUSADICA). Extension by another 12 months is optional and conditional on performance. Expected starting date is by 1 April 2019 or as soon as the position is filled.

Given the fundamental importance of agriculture for sustainable development in Central Asia, the SUSADICA Doctoral Programme pursues cutting edge research on the three dimensions of **economic, social and ecological sustainability** and creates a challenging, collaborative research environment for doctoral researchers based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The Programme intends to act as a model for higher standards of doctoral education, international networking and academic output for other disciplines and universities throughout Central Asia. The selected candidate will join a group of other nine PhD students within the SUSADICA programme working on research areas that include farm restructuring & labour relations, agricultural innovation & technology, environmental change & agriculture, and water governance.

A successful candidate will spend approximately half of each year in Germany and the other half in Central Asia. During the stay in Germany, the student will work with a German supervisor on research concept and receive intensive training in relevant theories and methods. During the stay in Central Asia, the student will conduct field research in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan, participate in selected training modules or outreach events and contribute to academic life at TIAME in Tashkent.

MLU is the principal alma mater for the PhD student in Germany, and TIAME in Uzbekistan. The student is expected to achieve a level of sophistication that allows a successful doctoral defence in Germany. The student will report to a supervisor based at IAMO. The most suitable formal supervision arrangement will be determined on an individual basis. All training and research will be conducted in English language.

We expect:

1. Master's degree or equivalent in agricultural economics, development studies, environmental sciences, geography, or related fields;
2. Knowledge of the agricultural sector and rural development in Central Asia;
3. Proven experience in planning, designing and implementing field research and data analysis;
4. Flexibility and interest in primary data collection, e.g. via farm and household surveys or qualitative work in the study regions;
5. Strong commitment to research;
6. Fluency in English reading, writing and presentation;
7. Communication skills in Russian and Central Asian languages are desirable;
8. Openness to integrate into international and multidisciplinary team work;
9. Research experience in Central Asia and in the proposed research topic is of advantage.

The research area Agricultural Policy (Supervisors: Thomas Herzfeld, Shavkat Hasanov)

The agricultural sector's development within the five Central Asian countries depends on natural conditions, factor endowments as well as national agricultural as well as other economic policies. These policies range from rather liberal in some countries and areas to rather restrictive in others. Applicants in the research area agricultural policy will work on political economic aspects of policy instrument choice and analyse the role of policies for agricultural development. The candidates are expected to have a sound understanding of economic theories as well as knowledge of econometric methods and relevant software.

We offer:

1. A unique research and qualification opportunity within a team of young scientists;
2. Participation in the German Doctoral Certificate Programme in Agricultural Economics (www.agraroekonomik.de) with teaching in English language;
3. Organisational and financial support to the collection of relevant data in the region;
4. Support to model development, data analysis, simulations and thesis write-up;
5. Financial support to participation in international and regional academic conferences;
6. Support to the preparation of publications for topical peer-reviewed journals.
7. Preferential access to accommodation in Halle and Tashkent.

The Doctoral Programme is open to applicants of any nationality. Successful applicants obtain a scholarship equivalent to 1400,- EUR/month (tax exempt, excluding health insurance) to cover living costs during their stay in Germany, for up to 18 months. For the time spent in Central Asia, a scholarship to cover local living costs of 540,- EUR/month will be provided. Financial support to travel and data collection is available on top of the scholarship. IAMO is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from female candidates. Disabled persons with equal qualifications will be given preference.

Application

Interested candidates should send a set of application documents in English language that include:

1. Letter of motivation (maximum 2 pages), please explain your specific research interests and indicate your preference concerning one the research area on agricultural policy;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Copies of all relevant transcripts and certificates of bachelor, master or equivalent courses as well as English language certificates, if the Master thesis was not written in English;
4. Electronic copies of your master/diploma thesis and (co-) authored scientific publications, if available;
5. Names and contact information of two academic referees.

This set of application documents should be sent by e-mail as a single pdf-file to Prof. Dr. Thomas Herzfeld (herzfeld@iamo.de). The total size of the single pdf-file should not exceed 5 MB.

IAMO (<http://www.iamo.de>) is a public research institute that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics. It is a member of the Leibniz Association, a German network of non-university research institutes.

Closing date for the application is **25 February 2019**. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview via email.

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