

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO, Germany) and the Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU, Uzbekistan) invites applications for one of up to

**three PhD positions (m/f)**

in the pilot project “IPReS: An Innovative Pilot Program on the Re-Integration of Scientists to Central Asia: Research and Capacity Building on Food Chains under Climate”. The pilot project is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation for a period of 48 months. The project aims to develop scientific capacity-building within a cooperation project between the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) and the Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU). The following four topics will be addressed by the Ph.D. students:

- Participation decisions and impact of agricultural insurance markets on agricultural productivity;
- The role and impact of agricultural cooperation on increasing climate resilience in agricultural production;
- Modernization of food supply chains and procurement mechanisms and their impact on investment in climate resilient technologies;
- Multidisciplinary modeling of ex-ante climate change impact.

The ideal candidate will fulfil the following requirements:

- Outstanding Master’s degree (or equivalent) in agricultural/food economics, general economics, or a related fields with strong focus on econometrics or statistics;
- Very good STATA or R skills;
- High proficiency in oral and written English;
- Interest in planning, designing and implementing of applied research and econometric analysis;
- High individual commitment to research;
- Communicability, openness and willingness for integration into team work.

The successful candidates will obtain their Ph.D. degree from TSAU as well as may become members of the IAMO Graduate School and apply for a doctoral degree from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) in individual cases. The doctoral student will be based at TSAU in Tashkent (Uzbekistan). Research travels to IAMO depending on their scientific necessity can be requested by prior arrangement with IAMO. The scholarship is limited to 4 years. The position is financed through a scholarship up to 500 EUR/month.

IAMO (<http://www.iamo.de>) is a public research institute that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics and related fields. It is a member of the Leibniz Association, a German network of non-university research institutes. IAMO and TSAU are equal opportunity employers and particularly welcomes applications from female candidates. Persons with disabilities with equal qualifications will be given preference.

## Application

Electronic applications (in English language) should be submitted as **one pdf-file (no larger than 2 MB)** to Ms. Antje Elsner ([elsner@iamo.de](mailto:elsner@iamo.de)) with the subject TSAU/IAMO Project Application and should contain following documents:

1. Letter of motivation (up to 1 page);
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Electronic copies of all relevant transcripts and certificates of master or equivalent courses;
4. Names and contact information of two academic referees.

Applications will be considered until the position is filled. The preferred starting date is **September 1, 2018**. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview via email. Solicitation costs cannot be reimbursed.

For further information on the advertised position, please contact Dr. Ihtiyor Bobojonov ([Bobojonov@iamo.de](mailto:Bobojonov@iamo.de)).