

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

**PhD scholarship — “Perceptions of inequality and its effects on subjective wellbeing”**

for a period of 36 months. The position is to be filled in January 2019, or later.

The intended research will be associated with the research project “Perceptions of inequality through social comparisons and transference on subjective wellbeing: a micro perspective on reference groups” hosted at the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) in conjunction with the Martin Luther University (MLU) Halle-Wittenberg and financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The aim of the research project is to look at the delineation of reference groups for social comparisons and to develop a methodological framework for defining them. Here, Thailand will serve as the case study to examine the composition of individual reference groups within the subjective inequality-wellbeing nexus.

**We expect:**

1. MSc. degree or equivalent in agricultural economics, economics or related sciences;
2. Strong skills in microeconomic and econometric analysis;
3. Interest in planning, designing and implementing household surveys (willingness to travel to Thailand for data collection);
4. Individual commitment to research and team work;
5. Fluency in English reading, writing and presentation.

**We offer:**

1. A unique research and qualification opportunity within a team of researchers;
2. Participation in the German Doctoral Certificate Programme in Agricultural Economics ([www.agraroekonomik.de](http://www.agraroekonomik.de));
3. Support from senior staff in the organization and collection of relevant data, analytic model development, data analysis, and the preparation of publications for topical peer-reviewed journals;
4. Financial support for participating in international and regional academic conferences and training courses.

The successful candidate will become a member of the IAMO Graduate School and apply for a doctoral degree from the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg ([www.uni-halle.de](http://www.uni-halle.de)). During the analysis and writing-up period of the dissertation, the doctoral student will be based at IAMO in Halle (Saale). The Doctoral Programme is open to applicants of any nationality. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship equivalent to 1.250 EUR/month (tax exempt, excluding health insurance) to cover living costs during their stay in Germany. Financial support for travel and data collection will be made available in addition to the scholarship.

### Application:

Interested candidates should include the following documents in their application, in English:

1. Letter of motivation (maximum 1 page);
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 MSc thesis was not written in English;
4. Research concept on the proposed topic including suggested objectives and methodology (maximum 2 pages);
5. Reference letters from one to two academic referees.

Applications should be sent by e-mail as a single PDF file to Dr. Judith Möllers ([moellers@iamo.de](mailto:moellers@iamo.de)). Applicants are requested to also submit electronic copies of their master/diploma thesis and (co-) authored scientific publications, if available.

### About us:

IAMO ([www.iamo.de](http://www.iamo.de)) is a public research institute that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics. It offers an excellent infrastructure and a stimulating research environment in an international, ambitious, and multidisciplinary team. IAMO is a member of the Leibniz Association, a German network of non-university research institutes ([www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de)). The city of Halle (Saale) ([www.halle.de/en/home](http://www.halle.de/en/home)) is located in East Germany, near Leipzig, and offers an attractive as well as affordable living environment.

Equality of opportunity is part of our personnel policy. Female researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants with adequate qualification will be preferentially considered.

**Applications will be considered until the position is filled.** Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview via email.

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