

The University of Göttingen has position openings for

2 Post-Doctoral Researchers in Agricultural / Development Economics

to join the Research Training Group (RTG) 1666 “Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems” (GlobalFood) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

The positions are available immediately (the starting date should be no later than 1 November 2015). The contracts will be initially for one year, with renewal option for a total of up to three years. The salary level is in accordance with the German public service salary scale TVL E13 (100%, full time position, 39.8 hours per week). The positions are focused on research and do not involve regular teaching obligations.

The RTG GlobalFood focuses on restructuring agricultural markets, including the growing role of international food standards, changing consumer preferences, and the rapid expansion of supermarkets. GlobalFood researchers analyze the implications for supply chain governance, international trade flows, and impacts on rural poverty and food security in developing countries. GlobalFood is carried out in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Further details about GlobalFood are available under www.uni-goettingen.de/globalfood. The postdocs will integrate into the team and advance innovative research in relevant fields. Specific questions can be addressed to Prof. Martin Qaim (mqaim@uni-goettingen.de). The positions are based in Göttingen (Germany), but may require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators.

Successful candidates will have a PhD degree in agricultural economics, development economics, agribusiness, general economics, or a related discipline, strong analytical skills, experience with quantitative research methods, proven interest in topics relevant to the GlobalFood RTG, and excellent command of the English language. Experience with data collection in an international context will be a plus.

The University of Göttingen strives to increase its proportion of female staff in fields where women are underrepresented and expressly encourages qualified women to apply. Disabled persons with corresponding aptitude for the positions will be favored.

Application documents should include: a cover letter, CV, publication record, a short (max. one page) description of a research idea with relevance to the positions, full academic record (PhD certificate, Master and Bachelor certificates and transcripts), a recent own research paper, and names and contact details of two academic references. Screening of applications will start on 12 July 2015 and will end when the positions are filled.

Please submit your application electronically until 12 July 2015 via the Online Application Portal. Your electronic documents will be deleted five month after the selection process is finished. Further details about GlobalFood and the link to the application portal can be found on our website (www.uni-goettingen.de/globalfood).