

The University of Göttingen has position openings for

12 Doctoral and 1 Postdoctoral Researchers in Agricultural / Development Economics

to join the new Research Training Group (RTG) “Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems” (GlobalFood) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The positions are available from April 2011. Contracts will initially be for one year, with renewal option for a total of up to three years for doctoral and up to two years for postdoctoral researchers. The salary level is TVL E13 (65% for doctoral and 100% for postdoctoral researchers).

The RTG will carry out research on restructuring agricultural markets, including the growing role of international food standards, changing consumer preferences, and the rapid expansion of supermarkets. Projects will particularly analyze the implications for supply chain governance, international trade flows, market efficiency, and impacts on rural poverty, food security, and nutrition in developing countries. In terms of methodologies, innovative econometric and experimental economics approaches will be used. All research and training activities will be carried out in close cooperation with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC. The positions will be based in Göttingen (Germany), but will require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators.

Successful candidates will have an outstanding degree (Master/Diploma for doctoral, PhD for postdoctoral researchers) in agricultural economics, agribusiness, general economics, or a related discipline, strong analytical skills, experience with quantitative research methods, proven interest in topics related to the RTG, strong computer skills, 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 and specifically encourages qualified women to apply. The University is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity.

Screening of applications will begin on January 10, 2011 and will end when the positions are filled. Further details about the RTG and the application procedure via the Online Application Portal can be found on the RTG website (www.uni-goettingen.de/globalfood).