

Use in Developing Countries offers: Master Thesis Projects

The Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) is looking for Master students, who are interested to complete their Masters' thesis within the frame of the "Fo-Co Active" project.

The mission of the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) as a nationally and internationally active research institute is to deliver solutions for an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable agriculture – together with society. ZALF is a member of the Leibniz Association and is located in Müncheberg (approx. 35 minutes by regional train from Berlin-Lichtenberg). It also maintains a research station with further locations in Dedelow and Paulinenaue.

The interdisciplinary research project FoCo-Active focusses on analysing and combating the triple burden of malnutrition in Tanzania. FoCo-Active applies an innovative approach and will simultaneously address food and physical activity environments, diets, consumer behaviour and physical activity levels/sedentary behaviour in urban and rural settings. FoCo-Active will identify health-related gaps that contribute to the three forms of malnutrition and design and implement a tailored intervention program. The project operates in the Dar es Salaam / Ilala district and in the Pwani region /Mkuranga district in Tanzania.

Master Thesis Field Topics:

Food Choice Behaviour: A choice experiment methodology

A choice experiment is a research method that is used to measure the preferences and trade-offs that consumers make when choosing between different products or options. The main objectives of this study are to use a choice experiment methodology to determine food choice behavior for fruit and vegetables in urban and rural areas in Tanzania and to investigate the factors that may be affecting food choice in these areas. The study aims to provide insight into the current food choice behavior in Tanzania, and identify potential barriers to increased fruit and vegetable consumption in urban and rural areas.

Your qualifications:

- Very good bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics/Economics/Finance, or related fields.
- Very good knowledge in Quantitative Approach and Microeconomics.
- Very good coordination, networking, and team player skills as well as proven ability to effectively work in an intercultural setting.
- Very good communication skills in English (oral and written) in an intercultural context
- High motivation to conduct field research in West Africa.

We offer:

- An interdisciplinary working environment that encourages independence.
- Opportunity to gain international professional experience including a research stay in Tanzania
- Possibility of specifying and conducting a Master's thesis falling within the scope of the research project.
- (Co-) Supervision for the completion of the Master thesis will be provided by ZALF.
- Travel costs relating to the Master thesis research will be covered by project funding.

Application

Master students are invited to apply. Please send your application the following documents via e-mail: Create a PDF document (Word documents cannot be processed and therefore cannot be considered!) with the usual documents, a Motivation letter (0,5 page) (At the top of the letter of motivation, please state which of the three topics you are applying for), Curriculum Vitae (including academic referees), Information on bachelor thesis (max. 1 page), Proof of qualification and certificates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: NilooFar.Khalili@zalf.de

Please send your application as one PDF file to Dr. NilooFar Khalili (NilooFar.Khalili@zalf.de)

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