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## **Doctoral Researcher Position (Agricultural Economics / Development Economics)**

The Chair of International Food Economics and Rural Development (Prof. M. Qaim) of the University of Göttingen (Germany) is recruiting a doctoral researcher to join the Collaborative Research Center (CRC 990) "Ecological and Socioeconomic Functions of Tropical Lowland Rainforest Transformation Systems (Sumatra, Indonesia)", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The position is available from 1 April 2021 for a period of three years. The salary is in accordance with the German public service salary scale (TVL-E13, 65%).

The planned research will focus on analyzing the driving forces of land-use change in Sumatra, especially the rapid expansion of oil palm plantations. Impacts on rural household income, employment, and other sustainability dimensions will also be analyzed. In terms of methodologies, innovative econometric approaches with micro-level data will be used. Research findings will be published and also be used for preparing a doctoral dissertation. The position is based in Göttingen (Germany), but will require traveling to Indonesia for data collection and exchange with research partners. Further details about the project can be found on the CRC website under <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/310995.html> (project C07).

The successful candidate will have a very good Master's degree (or equivalent) in agricultural economics, development economics, or a related discipline, experience with applied econometrics, proven interest in topics related to sustainable development, strong computer skills (including statistics packages such as STATA), and excellent command of the English language. Experience with data collection in developing countries 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-opportunities employer and strives for staff diversity.

Application documents should include a motivation letter, curriculum vitae, Bachelor- and Master-level transcripts and certificates, title and summary of the Master's thesis, and names and contact details of two academic references.

Please submit your application electronically (compiled in one single PDF-file) until 15 January 2021 by sending an Email to Ilona Hoepfner ([ilona.hoepfner@agr.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:ilona.hoepfner@agr.uni-goettingen.de)). The electronic documents will be deleted three months after the recruitment process is completed.