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## University of Hohenheim's Food Security Center (FSC) awards Visiting Scholarships for PhD Students/ Postdoctoral Researchers

The Food Security Center (FSC) is a newly established university center of excellence in development collaboration at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany. FSC is one of five excellence centers of the program "exceed – Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation," which is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funds of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany. FSC's mission is to make effective and innovative scientific contributions in research, teaching, and policy advice to eradicate hunger and achieve food security in collaboration with partner Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and national and international development organizations. Thematically, FSC's activities deal with issues of (sustainable) food availability, (economic) food access, food use, and food utilization. More information is available from [www.foodsecurity.de](http://www.foodsecurity.de).

### *Scholarship description*

FSC awards one or two visiting 'Sandwich' scholarships for PhD students (or postdoctoral researchers) from developing countries for a period of three to twelve months, starting November 2009. The center wishes to attract outstanding and innovative PhD students or postdoctoral fellows planning a career in academia or development collaboration. The scholarship aims at increasing their previously gained scientific knowledge and skills relevant to food security related issues. The successful candidates will receive scholarships for completing compulsory and/or elective courses required for receiving PhD degrees from their home university (if formally agreed by it), attending additional training courses and workshops in Hohenheim, and/or conducting PhD thesis related research studies. Study courses held in English can be selected from the regular course catalogues of the international MSc study programs offered by the University of Hohenheim's Center for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics and combined with other English MSc and PhD courses and trainings offered by the university's departments and/or FSC's Young Excellence School (YES). For research collaborations, each successful candidate will work with the research staff of one of Hohenheim's departments being a FSC member to conduct a specific research project contributing to FSC's mission and relevant for her/his PhD thesis/postdoctoral works. Objective of the collaboration is at least one joint, peer-reviewed journal publication or paper to be presented at an international conference. Visiting PhD students/postdoctoral researchers are expected to present research proposal, state of research, and preliminary results in FSC's PhD seminar. Participation in YES's teaching and training activities on a limited scale is desired. Furthermore, FSC aims at establishing an active, long-lasting collaboration with the candidates and their home institution. The scholarship is given for stays at Hohenheim in Stuttgart (Germany). The monthly grant equals a net

amount of 975 Euros in 2009 and 1000 Euros in 2010. For stays above six month, documented costs for research and study materials up to 460 Euros can be covered by FSC. In addition, FSC pays for traveling to/from Hohenheim. Health insurance and other potential costs must be paid privately.

### ***Required skills***

- MSc degree (or at least equivalent degree) in agricultural, nutritional, natural, social, economic, or political sciences or related disciplines with specification on food security related issues
- Outstanding study performance (i.e. excellent or very good MSc grade)
- Nationality of a developing country according to DAC list
- Excellence in oral and written English language (TOEFL test is required for non-native English speakers)
- Ability to conduct innovative research
- Excellent interpersonal skills and team spirit
- Ability to work well in an interdisciplinary, multicultural environment and with individuals from different scientific, societal, and cultural backgrounds and organizations from the public, private, and civil society sector

### ***Application***

Please submit cover letter (specifying your preferred duration of stay in Hohenheim), detailed resume, proposal (maximum 1000 words) specifying your planned activities during your stay, summary of MSc/PhD thesis (maximum 1000 words), and two letters of references to [fsc@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:fsc@uni-hohenheim.de). For research stays, proposals must be developed in collaboration with and formally agreed by the supervising professor of the collaborating Hohenheim department. Deadline for application is October 15, 2009 (12 pm CET).