

Information for students interested in thesis research at International Agricultural Research Centers

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) supports the German Government in achieving its development objectives. Within GIZ, the 'Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development' (*Beratungsgruppe Entwicklungsorientierte Agrarforschung*, BEAF) assists the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in the area of Agricultural Research for Development. BEAF has a small budget to fund diploma or MSc thesis research at the International Agricultural Research Centers (institutes supported by the CGIAR, www.cgiar.org; ICIPE, www.icipe.org; World Vegetable Center, www.avrdc.org). Students enrolled at German Universities are eligible. Cooperation with projects funded by BMZ is preferred (see list at <http://www.GIZ.de/en/themen/laendliche-entwicklung/22635.htm>).

Criteria:

- Minimum 6 semesters in agricultural sciences or another development-oriented discipline (e. g. biology, geography, social science, veterinary medicine, marine biology, forestry, economics, political science, law, etc.);
- Registration at a German university;
- Excellent knowledge of English (essential), depending on location and nature of the research Spanish, Arabic, or French desirable;
- Sensitivity for the host country's culture, ability to work in a team, willing to take responsibility, proactive approach;
- Involvement in development-oriented research (internships, seminars, etc.);
- Length of stay minimum 3 to max. 6 months.

BEAF will, together with the potential candidate, identify a suitable project. Candidates will then be invited to GIZ headquarters in Eschborn for an interview.

GIZ may provide a grant to cover travel cost and cost of living (including visa fees, health insurance abroad incl. cost of emergency evacuation, vaccinations, etc.). No additional funding is available. Students are covered by a GIZ accident insurance. **Important:** Students receiving funding from other German public sector sources, e.g. the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD, are NOT eligible unless their funding is suspended for the period of GIZ funding.

Please note that the process will take app. 4 months.

Application with CV and a letter of recommendation from a university professor should be sent via email to: Dr. Marlene Diekmann, GIZ – BEAF: marlene.diekmann@giz.de