

Excellence scholarships

for PhD students

to participate in

YES' PhD Program "Global Food Security"

at the University of Hohenheim, Germany

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 from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ). The Center's mission is to create and support effective and innovative scientific contributions in research and teaching, as well as to give policy advice to eradicate hunger and achieve food security in collaboration with partner Higher Education Institutions in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and national and international development and research organizations. Thematically, FSC's activities deal with issues of sustainable food availability, food access, food use and food utilization. More information is available at: www.foodsecurity.de.

Scholarship description

FSC awards up to 12 scholarships for PhD students from developing countries (see DAC list) for a period of 36 months, beginning August 01, 2010. There will be up to 2 scholarships offered to PhD students from developed countries. The Center wishes to attract outstanding PhD students pursuing 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 participating in FSC's Young Excellence School to conduct their doctorates.

The scholarship is given for a stay at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Germany. The monthly grant is 1,000 Euros in 2010. In addition, FSC pays for traveling to/from Hohenheim. Health insurance and other potential costs must be paid for privately.

Selection criteria

Besides the general selection criteria for YES' PhD program (see YES announcement), the following criteria have to be met additionally, if applying for an "Excellence scholarship":

- Last academic degree has to be less than 6 years ago;
- Indication for return to his/her home country and institution.

Application

The applicant has to submit the application documents for YES' PhD program and indicate in the cover letter, whether s/he applies for an "Excellence scholarship". In addition to the general application, the applicant has to provide proof regarding the two additional selection criteria mentioned above.

The deadline for the application for an "Excellence scholarship" is April 5, 2010.

There is one joint application and selection process. Only those applications are accepted, which follow the application instruction (see FSC's webpage).

FSC will confirm the receipt of all (complete) applications (i.e., if an application is not complete, FSC will not consider it and will not confirm receipt of the application).

The selection of the candidates will be in middle of May 2010, the program will start on August 1, 2010.

All accepted applications will be selected according to the following criteria:

1. Fulfillment of announcement criteria of YES' PhD program (cf. "Admission" and "Application");
2. Quality of proposal and project feasibility.

For all pre-selected candidates, FSC will look for a supervisor at the University of Hohenheim. Only after a professor of the University of Hohenheim has accepted the candidate, s/he will be ultimately selected and invited to join YES' PhD program and – if applied for a scholarship – awarded an "Excellence scholarship".

The selected applicants will be contacted no later than May 17, 2010. Please be aware that FSC will contact only successful candidates.