

## SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network Doctoral Scholarships

The **SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network**, based at the Center for International Development and Environmental Research (Zentrum für internationale Entwicklungs- und Umweltforschung, ZEU), awards, **for three years starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**,

### Two Ph.D. Scholarships at the Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany in the field of Sustainable Development Goal Interactions

#### About the SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network

The SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network, consisting of partners from Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, provides a common research framework related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations and aims to analyze synergies and trade-offs among individual SDGs (SDG nexus analysis). The network intends to prepare the next generation of scientists by implementing a variety of teaching programs and training activities, with particular attention to the needs of junior researchers. The SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network particularly investigates interrelations among single SDGs within the following five focal research areas: Food systems, Water, Urban & rural areas, Natural resources, SDG monitoring.

Please find further information on the research areas at

<https://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/zentren/zeu/sdgnexus/research/research-areas>

#### What we offer

- A full-time scholarship (EUR 1,200/ month plus health insurance) for three years, which allows you to write your doctoral dissertation.
- A fully equipped working place at the Center for International Development and Environmental Research based at the Justus Liebig University Giessen.
- A research network with partners from Latin America and Central Asia that grant you a close collaboration with ongoing research projects.
- Access to an advanced training program that allows you to strengthen your professional as well as research skills.
- Comprehensive guidance and supervision.
- Short-term research stays at network partner institutions can be supported with travel funds.

#### What we expect / Applications Requirements

- You should have a Master's or an equivalent degree in a topic related to SDGs with exceptionally good results. Your last academic degree should not have been acquired more than six years ago at the point of application; if you already started with a Ph.D. project, it should have started not more than three years ago prior to application.
- You have advanced communication skills in spoken and written English and excellent scientific writing skills.
- You have a citizenship of an ODA recipient country.
- At the potential start of the scholarship, you should not have been residing in Germany or any other country which is not on the [DAC list](#) for more than 15 months. This will not be applicable if you are already enrolled at a university and, due to this, have already resided in these countries for longer.
- You are familiar with the SDG framework and with the methods, indicators, metrics for monitoring progress and solving trade-offs between them.
- Your research proposal must relate to one of the research areas and must be linked to one or several regions of the SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network defined above.

## Application process

Please send your application, preferably via e-mail to the Selection Committee (Björn Weeser: [sdgnexus@zeu.jlug.de](mailto:sdgnexus@zeu.jlug.de)) stating the **reference code SDGNN/PhD until 30th April 2021**. Applications must be submitted as a **single PDF file**. Only complete applications, with documents in the order listed below, will be accepted:

- Cover letter stating your motivation to apply for the scholarship
- Curriculum Vitae
- Preliminary Ph.D. project proposal (about 1500 words, including problem statement, hypotheses, methodology, expected results, and how the work contributes to any or several of the SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network research areas and regions)
- Academic Certificates
- Two recent letters of recommendation from professors, course instructors, or other persons qualified to assess your academic achievements
- List of publications (optional)

The SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network is seeking a larger percentage of women in academia; therefore, qualified female applicants are especially encouraged to apply. For further information on the Center for International Development and Environmental Research or the SDG<sup>nexus</sup> Network see <https://www.uni-giessen.de/zeu> or <http://www.sdgnexus.net>  
Please be aware that we will only contact successful applicants.