

At the University of Göttingen -Public Law Foundation-, Department für Agrarökonomie und Rurale Entwicklung, there are 3 positions as

Research assistants (all genders welcome)
Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L/65%

to be filled. Starting date is as soon as possible. The positions are limited for a period of 3 years.

3 positions for researchers in **Agricultural-, Environmental Economics and/or Consumer Research** are filled in the collaborative project "ZERN – Zukunft Ernährung Niedersachsen" (future of nutrition in Lower Saxony) with a focus on farm(er) and consumer acceptance of new technologies, and production and farm animal welfare economics in following subprojects:

a. Development of an extraction and functionalization process for the use of protein from green biomass in human nutrition

This part of the project aims to tackle the challenges of obtaining protein from grassland plants. It aims to create the necessary basis for the sustainable use of grass protein in human nutrition and for use in the food industry for structuring purposes. Particular attention is paid to protein yield and quality, economic efficiency, farmer and consumer acceptance and a positive ecological balance. Project-lead: Dr. Andreas Juadur, DIL – Deutsches Institut für Lebensmitteltechnik

b. Sustainable fattening pig husbandry

The aim of this part of project is the scientific examination of future-oriented and socially accepted husbandry systems for pig fattening. Issues from the fields of animal welfare and animal health, animal ethics, animal nutrition, meat and product quality, and economics are addressed. Particular attention is paid to conflicts of interest arising in these husbandry systems, especially with regard to animal health, biosecurity, emissions, nutrient efficiency and economic efficiency. Project-lead: Dr. Thies Jesper Nicolaisen, Stiftung Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover

ZERN is funded by "zukunft.niedersachsen" a program of the Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony and the Volkswagen Foundation. The project homepage is <https://zern-verbund.de> there you will find more information about the project.

The positions will be in the groups:

1. Agriculture and Food Business Management, headed by Prof. Dr Silke Hüttel. The group conducts research on digital and sustainable food systems, and adaptation to climate change. They work with observational (panel) data at the farm and field level, spatial land use data, survey and experimental data. In ZERN, the focus will be on farmer acceptance of new technologies (both projects), and production and farm animal welfare economics (project b). For more information, visit the group's website: [LINK](#)

and

2. Marketing for Food and Agricultural Products headed by Prof. Dr Achim Spiller. This group focuses on current issues in the agri-food sector. These range from consumer behavior regarding healthy and sustainable foods, consumer acceptance e.g., for alternative proteins, over sustainability management to animal welfare and agribusiness supply chain management. The focus in ZERN will be the analysis of consumer attitudes towards products made from alternative proteins (project a). For more information, visit the group's website: [LINK](#)

Your responsibilities:

- Planning and conducting studies related to one of the projects **a** or **b**
- Conducting surveys and analysis with a focus on acceptance and dissemination in practice
- Preparation and analysis of collecting qualitative and quantitative data
- Empirical data analysis of survey, experimental and observational data using statistical and/ or econometric methods
- Presentation and publication of research results, including replication packages and science communication to the public
- Active interaction with other researchers across disciplinary boundaries
- Guidance/ supervision of Bachelor's/ Master's students
- Participation in general project work, independent organization of project activities and cooperation with other sub-projects in the research network

Your profile:

- Good to very good Master's degree in agricultural economics, environmental economics or related disciplines
- Enjoy scientific work with the aim of a doctorate or as a postdoctoral researcher
- Willingness to familiarize yourself with methodological skills in the field of empirical methods

- Willingness to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration with other researchers
- Willingness to work on-site
- Very good knowledge of English, knowledge of German is an advantage

We offer:

- A stimulating research environment
- Integration in a highly-motivated, interdisciplinary network within and beyond ZERN
- Insights into practical topics relating to the agricultural and food sector
- Opportunity to contribute your own ideas
- Flexible working hours and a great team

The position is based in Göttingen (Germany). The percentage of part-time work is negotiable.

Your complete application package should include: motivation letter with an indication of which of the sub-projects (a or b) and which of the working groups (1. or 2.) you would prefer (one page), CV, certificates and transcripts.

Please submit your application by 10.06.2024 exclusively via the application portal.

If you have any questions about the job advertisement, please contact zern@uni-goettingen.de

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The university has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life. The University is particularly committed to the professional participation of severely disabled employees and therefore welcomes applications from severely disabled people. In the case of equal qualifications, applications from people with severe disabilities will be given preference. A disability or equality is to be included in the application in order to protect the interests of the applicant.

Please upload your application in one pdf file including the usual documents until 6/10/2024 on the application portal of the university using this link: <http://obp.uni-goettingen.de/de-de/OBF/Index/74499>. For more information get in touch with Linda Armbrecht directly via E-Mail: linda.armbrecht@uni-goettingen.de, Tel. +49 1781666547 .

Please note:

With submission of your application, you accept the processing of your applicant data in terms of data-protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the [Information General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)

