

At the University of Göttingen -Public Law Foundation-, DARE - Abteilung Ökonomik nachhaltiger Agrar- und Ernährungssysteme, there are 2 positions as

PhD Researchers in Agricultural Economics (all genders welcome)
Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L/65%

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

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of the University of Göttingen has position openings for

Focus: New Business Models in Agri-Food Systems

The positions are available immediately for a period of three years and are based on a university employment contract (TV-L E13, 65%). A later start date is possible.

The positions are part of **agri:change**, an interdisciplinary research initiative on the sustainability transformation of the agri-food sector in Lower Saxony. Within agri:change, four practice-oriented real-world laboratories (*agri:labs*) develop innovative solutions together with stakeholders. These positions contribute to agri:lab X1 (Sustainable Value Chains and Transparency).

The successful candidates will work on the project "**New Business Models in Agri-Food Systems: Income Alternatives through Biodiversity and Carbon Sequestration**", which is a joint project between the chairs Economics of Sustainable Agri-food Systems (Prof. Dr. Doris Läpple), Agricultural and Food Business Management (Prof. Dr. Silke Hüttel) (both University of Göttingen) and Agricultural Economics (Prof. Dr. Nana Zubek), Hochschule Osnabrück. The project pursues two closely related objectives, with each position focusing on one: i) how innovative business models for environmental services can be co-designed and tested together with farmers, food companies, and consumers. (ii) how new business models can contribute to reduce acceptance barriers of new digital farming technologies that enable more sustainable farming types.

Your tasks:

- Conduct research on climate change /biodiversity/ structural change in the agricultural sector
- Design and conduct, interviews and surveys / economic experiments with farmers
- Conduct quantitative and econometric data analysis
- Present and publish your research internationally
- Prepare and submit a PhD thesis

Your profile:

- An excellent MSc degree in agricultural economics or related field (the degree must be completed at the start date)
- Experience with quantitative research methods and statistical software (e.g., R, Stata)
- Interest in and knowledge of the agriculture and food system in Germany (or the EU)
- Willingness to engage in communication with farmers and other stakeholders
- Strong English language skills (written and spoken); German language skills are an asset
- Self-motivated with an ability to work independently

We offer:

- International and interdisciplinary research environment
- Collaboration with the Hochschule Osnabrück
- Funding for data collection, travel and conference participation
- Participation in the Doctoral Certificate Programme in Agricultural Economics

The position is based in Göttingen (Germany).

Your application should include: A letter of interest, CV, one page abstract of your master thesis, certificates and transcripts, and name and contact information of one referee.

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 2/22/2026 on the application portal of the university using this link: <http://obp.uni-goettingen.de/de-de/OBF/Index/76293>. For more information get in touch with Ilona Schulz directly via E-Mail: ischulz@gwdg.de, Tel. 004955124624 .

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 \(GDPR\)](#)

