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Exchange Programme for Researchers Focusing on Home Gardens for Recovery and Resilience

HG4RR - An International, Interdisciplinary Expert Network

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Project Summary

The main objective of the Home Gardens for Recovery and Resilience (HG4RR) is to establish an international network of experts (researchers and practitioners from South and East Asia and Europe) to advance our knowledge on topics related to home gardens, resilience, food security, and interventions. In addition to facilitating research exchange and building capacity, the HG4RR network aims to study how informal small-scale home gardening acts as a coping strategy tool to strengthen the food security and resilience for vulnerable households living under extreme uncertainty and susceptible to negative external shocks. In addition, home gardens have positive effects beyond their immediate outcomes (food security and nutrition), such as on women empowerment. The HG4RR network is formed of founding partners from 6 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Germany, Philippines, Nepal, Thailand).

Exchange Programme Objectives

Despite the expected advantages of home gardens in fragile environments and societies, the academic literature on this topic is surprisingly small. At the same time, informal learning and the adoption of best practices are rather limited across countries and across sectors. Therefore, we intend to enrich the exchange between countries, disciplines and pools of experience by bringing different experts together in Germany for short-term research visits.

Exchange Programme Details

We are offering two types of exchange:

1. A **short research visit** for up to two weeks, working on a specific research paper. Travel, accommodation, and daily subsistence allowance are covered. We anticipate the short-term research visits take place between June 2019 and December 2019.
2. A **long research stay** for up to two months. In addition to covering the return flight ticket, we will pay 2,300 Euro per month for subsistence. We anticipate the research visits to take place between September 2019 and the end of December 2019.

You can apply to visit one of the following research institutes / departments:

Prof Dr. Monika Schreiner	Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops Team: Plant Quality
Prof. Dr. Susanne Baldermann	Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops Team: Food Chemistry
Prof. Dr. Tilman Brück	Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops Team: Economic Development and Food Security
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Bokelmann	Humboldt University of Berlin Department of Agricultural Economics
Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe	Humboldt University of Berlin Department of Agricultural Economics
Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick	Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen Center for International Development and Environmental Research
Dr. Silke Stoeber	SLE - Center of Rural Development, Berlin
Dr. Heinz Peters	Welthungerhilfe, Bonn
Dr. Stefan Sieber	Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research Team: Sustainable Land Use in Developing Countries
Prof. Eike Lüdeling	Bonn University Institute of Crop Sciences and Resource Conservation

Eligibility Criteria

1. Researchers working in any of the following academic disciplines: nutritional sciences, agricultural and horticultural sciences, development economics, rural sociology, anthropology, disaster research, or related disciplines.
2. Researchers with any level of seniority. Preferences will be given to young researchers holding a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) with a very good track record. Applications from doctoral candidates with exceptional qualifications will also be considered.
3. Researchers working on empirical research questions related to the HG4RR main topics using rigorous quantitative or qualitative methods.
4. We will prioritize submissions addressing any of the following topics:
 - Determinants of food insecurity and malnutrition in emergencies;
 - Agricultural practices, food security and the role of home and school gardens in emergencies;
 - The effects of food insecurity in emergencies, especially on vulnerable groups such as women, infants and children or the displaced;
 - Impact evaluations of home and school garden interventions for emergency agriculture, food security and nutrition;
 - The role of home and school gardens in transition economies; and
 - New and emerging data sources, indicators, methods and techniques related to the HG4RR main research topics.
5. Researchers should be currently employed in an accredited research institute or university in a developing country. Preferences will be given to researchers working at institutes represented in the HG4RR network.
6. Excellent English language skills. Prior experiences in working or studying in Germany is a plus.

Submission and Selection Process

Kindly submit the following application documents as a single pdf file by email to Ms. L. Schmidt at schmidt.lara@igzev.de.

- A one-page letter of motivation describing your interest, the work you will conduct during your research visit, specifying clearly the duration of the visit, tentative starting date, and the research partner you want to work with. A preapproval from the hosting research institute is not mandatory.
- Full CV including the list of publications and two referees.
- Letter of employment from the host institute, specifying the end date of the work contract.

- Certificate of the doctoral degree OR Proof of enrollment in a PhD Program at your home university.
- Letter of support from the head of your department / university.

The submission deadline is **10 May 2019, 23.00 CET**. Only full applications received before this deadline will be considered.

If you have any questions, please send them to Ms. Schmidt until 26 April 2019. We will compile all questions with answers and make them available on the website by 3 May 2019. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted from 17 May 2019 for an interview.

Time Frame

16 April 2019	Call Open
26 April 2019, 23.00 CET	Deadline sending questions
3 May 2019	Q&A made available online
10 May 2019, 23.00 CET	Application Submission Deadline
17 - 31 May 2019	Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews
1 - 7 June 2019	Decisions will be made
15 June 2019	Earliest start date of short research visits (up to 14 days)
1 September 2019	Earliest start date of long research stays (up to 2 months)
31 December 2019	End date of both types of research visits

Additional Notes

The research exchange and financial support will not be undertaken as an employment at the host institute. Researchers require to still be employed at their home institute and continue to receive their salaries during the visit. The funding by this scheme is intended to cover additional costs arising due to the visit. The researcher will apply for the applicable visas (if required) to allow their stay in Germany. Neither IGZ nor the host institutes are able to provide legal support or guarantee that the researchers will receive a visa. Health insurance should be covered by the researcher for the duration of the stay.