



The Center for Development Research is an international, English-speaking research institute of the University of Bonn/ Germany which hosts the ZEF Doctoral Studies Program. For more information, please see www.zef.de.

The Department “Political and Cultural Change” offers a

Doctoral scholarship

“Historical relations between demography and land use in West Africa”

Expectation:

The candidate will be expected to participate in the interdisciplinary and disciplinary courses of the ZEF Doctoral Studies Program from 1st October 2011 - February 2012. He/she will develop an individual research proposal until February 2012. **For data collection, 10-12 months of field research in West Africa will be required.** During the writing-up period of the dissertation, the candidate will be based at ZEF in Bonn.

Duration of the doctoral studies:

Three years starting from August 2011 under conditional acceptance of the confirmation by the funding agency. A scholarship awarded will cover living, research as well as travel cost.

Requirements for the applicants:

- very good degree (Diploma, Master or Magister) in social anthropology, social geography, political sciences or development sociology
- very good writing skills in English are required for the dissertation
- very good knowledge of French are required for research in a francophone country
- good knowledge of field research methods is required
- experience in research is of advantage
- work experience in West Africa is of advantage

African candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Application:

The eligible candidates are invited to send their application including

- a letter of motivation
- a concept note that addresses the research topic, problem statement, research objectives and question, suggested methodology (2-3 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- copies of academic certificates
- a letter of reference.

Please, send the hard copy of the application to:

Center for Development Research, Dr. Irit Eguavoen (ZEFa), Walter-Flex-Str. 3, D- 53113 Bonn, Germany

Closing date for the application is the 20th June 2011. Short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.