

The **University of Bonn** is an international research university offering a broad range of subjects. With a 200-year history, some 31,500 students, more than 6,000 employees and an outstanding reputation in Germany and abroad, the University of Bonn is one of the leading universities in Germany and has been awarded the status of a University of Excellence.

The Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, has openings for:

2 Doctoral Researcher Positions (TVL-E13, 70%) (f/m/d)

The positions are expected to begin **April 2026** or shortly thereafter and will run until **December 2029**. The research is part of the Collaborative Research Center (CRC 228) "Future Rural Africa". The CRC228 is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and combines expertise from the two Universities of Bonn and Cologne to study newly emerging issues of social-ecological transformation and future-making in Africa. The C08 project with the here announced positions is led by Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim and Dr. Martin Parlasca and involves empirical research on rural labor markets and employment in Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia, and Botswana. The doctoral researchers will be integrated into ZEF's Doctoral Program (BIGS-DR) and will work towards their doctoral degree at the University of Bonn under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim.

Your tasks:

- Conduct economics research on agricultural and non-agricultural employment trends in rural areas of Africa, using quantitative methods. Links between employment, digital financial services, and future oriented behavior will also be analyzed.
- Plan and implement micro-level surveys of rural households, accompanied by qualitative data collection
- Prepare and publish research papers in international journals
- Based on the research, prepare and submit a doctoral dissertation
- Travel internationally for data collection, cooperation with partners, and presentation of research results at conferences and workshops

Your profile:

- Master's degree in agricultural economics, development economics, or related fields
- Experience with quantitative research methods and related statistical packages, experience with qualitative research methods is a plus
- Interest in economic development topics. Prior experience in Africa would be a plus
- Excellent oral and written English language and communications skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and team spirit
- Willingness and ability to travel internationally

The University of Bonn is committed to diversity and equal opportunity. It is certified as a family-friendly university. The University of Bonn seeks to increase female representation in staffing areas where women are underrepresented and provide special career support. It thus expressly encourages qualified women to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the NRW State Gender Equality Act (*Landesgleichstellungsgesetz*, LGG NRW). Applications from qualified candidates with a certified severe disability or from those of equal status are especially welcome.

We look forward to receiving your complete application: a 1-page cover letter, your CV, Master's diploma (or if not yet available: latest transcript of your grades), and an example of your writing (a paper, a thesis, work-in-progress). We only accept applications submitted through our application portal: https://masterapplication.uni-bonn.de/movein/hosted/online/move/movein/portal/zefb_portal.php. **The deadline for applications is January 18, 2026.**