

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen has a position opening for a

PhD Researcher in Agricultural Economics (f/m/d)

Focus: Climate Change Mitigation in the Agricultural Sector

The position is available from August 2025 (or later) for a period of 3 years and is based on a university employment contract (TVL-E13, 65%). The position is part of the project [ZERN](#) (Zukunft der Ernährung Niedersachsen) and located at the Chair of Economics of Sustainable Agri-Food Systems.

ZERN is a research and transfer network initiated by the University of Göttingen, the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover and the German Institute of Food Technology in Quakenbrück, which aims to support the transformation of the agricultural and food system in Lower Saxony, which is under increasing pressure to adapt. The findings from the research alliance should enable the sustainable production, processing and marketing of food.

The successful candidate will work on the ZERN project “Information Provision Strategies for Sustainable and Climate-friendly Production Methods: An Analysis of Lower Saxony’s Dairy Sector”, conducted in collaboration with the Thünen Institute of Farm Economics.

Your tasks:

- Conduct research on climate change mitigation in the agricultural sector
- Design and conduct focus groups, 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, economics, psychology or related field (close to completion is also possible)
- Experience with quantitative research methods and statistical software (e.g., R, stata)
- Interest in and knowledge about agriculture and food systems
- Willingness to engage in communication with farmers and 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 Thünen Institute of Farm Economics
- 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 names and contact information of two referees.

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 mission of the University is to employ a greater number of severely disabled persons. Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

Please upload your application in one single pdf file until 15 May 2025 on the application portal of the university using this link:

<http://obp.uni-goettingen.de/de-de/OBF/Index/75888>. For more information contact Linda Armbrecht at: linda.armbrecht@uni-goettingen.de, Tel. +49 1781666547.

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).

