

## Internship programme 2010

The Centre for Development Research is pleased to offer a selected number of internship positions abroad. Internship positions offered by the centre are designed for BOKU graduate students; in exceptional cases, visiting students will be considered as well.

### Duration

The duration of typical internship projects ranges from four to twelve weeks. Some projects may be extended during the course of one or two semesters.

### Will I get paid?

Internship projects are unpaid. However, where possible, a small stipend will be offered.

### Who should apply?

- The Centre for Development Research seeks motivated interns who must have a genuine interest in applied development research in areas related to sustainable natural resource management.
- Internship positions require solid data management and writing skills, self-motivation, and an ability to work both independently as well as collaboratively. Specific skills are listed with each position.
- Only graduate or post-graduate students currently enrolled in a field related to CDR's interests qualify for an internship position.
- All internship positions require excellent English skills.

### How to apply

Send your letter of application and your CV (in English) to the contact person mentioned with each position. After submitting your documents you will receive an acknowledgement by e-mail.

### Current positions

#### 1. IITA-BOKU-NARS project "Participatory Production and Marketing of Safe Vegetable in Peri - urban West Africa" - Research support

##### Background

- Vegetable farmers in urban West Africa face strong competition and pest pressure, so that the risk of harvest losses is addressed by heavy use of synthetic pesticides. Currently, abuse and misuse of pesticides lead to health risks for farmers and consumers. The project, from a Research for Development perspective, seeks to understand factors that stimulate or constrain innovations towards safer vegetable production; specifically, the knowledge network that stretches out from the farmer is analyzed.  
The intern will form a team with the doctoral candidate from BOKU and local facilitators in the three countries. This internship position is a very good opportunity to learn and work in a variety of environments in West Africa.



#### Activities

- Facilitation of workshops with participants from urban vegetable innovation systems
- Assistance in organization and logistics
- Contribution to qualitative data collection and management

#### Requirements

- Fluent in English, ability to work in French
- Strong interest in qualitative research methods and tools

#### Duration

- Approx. 01/10/2010 - 01/01/2011

#### Location

- Accra/Ghana, Cotonou/Benin, Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso

#### Allowance

- The intern will receive a monthly allowance of EUR 200

#### Contact person

- Lorenz Probst, [lorenz.probst@boku.ac.at](mailto:lorenz.probst@boku.ac.at)

#### Application until

- 25/07/2010

## 2. “Tracking innovation” – Tracking study on action implemented by GoOrganic Innovation Award winners

#### Background

- The GoOrganic Initiative ([www.go-organic.org](http://www.go-organic.org)) aims at catalysing innovation in organic agriculture. In 2009, the GoOrganic Innovation Award was announced for the first time to reward innovative action plans formulated by organic farmer groups. The best three ideas were granted the GoOrganic Innovation Award. This internship position offers the opportunity to get practical insight into how farmer groups in organic agriculture translate new ideas into actions.

#### Activities

- Follow-up and document the implementation of business plans that were granted the GoOrganic Innovation Award
- Description of activities in a short report
- Preparation of documentation material (pictures, magazine articles) for publication (on website, in newsletters, etc)

#### Requirements

- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Basic knowledge of organic agriculture

#### Duration

- 4 weeks (flexible in the period between August and October 2010)

#### Location

- Mukono and Hoima district, central and western Uganda

#### Allowance

- The intern will receive an allowance of EUR 200 for the total internship period

#### Contact person

- Lisa Aigelsperger, [lisa.aigelsperger@boku.ac.at](mailto:lisa.aigelsperger@boku.ac.at)

#### Application deadline

- 20/07/2010