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## Food Security Center offers up to 29 research scholarships in 2011

The Food Security Center (FSC) is a university center of excellence in development collaboration at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany. FSC is one of five excellence centers of the program “exceed – Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation”, which is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funds of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany. FSC’s mission is to make effective and innovative scientific contributions in research, teaching, and policy advice to eradicate hunger and achieve food security in collaboration with partner research and education organizations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and national and international development and research organizations. Thematically, FSC’s activities deal with issues of sustainable food availability, food access, food use, and food utilization. More information is available from [www.foodsecurity.de](http://www.foodsecurity.de).

In 2011, FSC awards up to 29 scholarships for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers for a period of 4 to 36 months. The Center wishes to attract outstanding PhD students and postdoctoral fellows pursuing a career in academia or development collaboration. The scholarships aim at increasing their previously gained scientific knowledge and skills relevant to food security related issues. Furthermore, FSC aims at establishing an active, long-lasting collaboration with the supported researchers and their home institutions through an interactive alumni-network.

FSC offers three categories of scholarships:

1. Sandwich scholarships for PhD students (6 months),
2. Research scholarships for visiting postdoctoral researchers (4 months),
3. Excellence scholarships for FSC-supported PhD program “Global Food Security” (36 months) at the University of Hohenheim.

In **category 1 and 2**, FSC scholarships will support researchers from developing countries to conduct their research either at the University of Hohenheim (South – North) or at a national or international research institute in a developing country, for instance one of the centers of the CGIAR (South – South). In addition, there are few scholarships for students and postdoctoral researchers of the University of Hohenheim to visit a research institute in a developing country (North – South). The research visits have to be conducted in 2011 (i.e., start and end in 2011).

In **category 3**, FSC is supporting excellent PhD students from developing countries to participate in the FSC-supported PhD program “Global Food Security” at the University of Hohenheim. The PhD program will start in September 2011.

The application deadline for all scholarship categories is September 30, 2010. Selection is carried out on a competitive basis and the decisions (i.e. invitations) will be communicated up to December 17, 2010. Regarding the details of the different scholarships, the application process and the requirements, please consult FSC’s webpage ([www.foodsecurity.de](http://www.foodsecurity.de) – go to “Scholarships”). Please read the information carefully before you apply. Only completed applications using FSC’s application form will be considered.