

ATSAF Academy Academy for International Agricultural Research for Development

Call for Applications

With around 350 members **ATSAF** – Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Tropische und Subtropische Agrarforschung e.V. (Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research) connects key players in German development-oriented agricultural research. This includes professors of German universities with a focus on development-oriented agricultural research and a matching teaching concept, that supports the training of young researchers in this field. Contacts to and stays at International Agricultural Research Centers are invaluable in bringing young scientists early on to practice.

Funded through the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in collaboration with giz, German university professors and CGIAR++ centers, ATSAF has established the **ATSAF Academy**.

The aim of the Academy is to involve PhD students from German universities in CGIAR++ research projects and in this way strengthen the links between German universities and international, development-oriented agricultural research.

The **ATSAF Academy** offers a scientific support program for its scholarship holders in the form of courses and seminars, which are recognized in the respective universities for the structured PhD programs.

ATSAF awards a **scholarship of EUR 1500 per month** for a period of three years with the possibility for a 12-month extension if the progress of the PhD project indicates that the PhD can be completed within these 12 months.

In addition to the stipend, a **research grant of up to EUR 25,000** may be requested, which will be paid to the supervising chair to be used for research related to the PhD project.

The topics of the PhD project should be essentially within the thematic areas of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 17.

How to apply:

Applications are possible with an MSc degree in Agricultural Sciences or a related field with an above average final grade. For non-European degrees, a ranking from the issuing university must be included.

Applications must include and be sent to **academy@atsaf.de**:

- 1.** Cover letter signed by the applicant, including a motivation statement
- 2.** Application form – please use the form that is provided on the **ATSAF** webpage



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- 3.** Curriculum vitae, signed and dated in tabular form (one page)
- 4.** MSc certificate and transcript of academic records issued by the examination office
- 5.** TOEFL or IELTS certificate or other English proficiency certificate
- 6.** Letter of recommendation and supervision commitment from a German university professor (thesis supervisor) – please use the form that is provided on the **ATSAF** webpage
- 7.** Letter of recommendation and supervision commitment from a CGIAR++ centre scientist (thesis supervisor), stating the attachment to a CGIAR++ research project – please use the form that is provided on the **ATSAF** webpage
- 8.** Hosting Agreement from the respective CGIAR++ centre – please use the form that is provided on the **ATSAF** webpage

Please convert documents **1 to 5** (in this sequence) into one PDF file and send your application in one e-mail to academy@atsaf.de.

Please name the file in a systematic way: <applicant's last name – year – application ATSAF Academy>, (e.g. Smith-2021-application ATSAF Academy).

Documents **6 to 8** will be sent by respective supervisor.

Application must be complete before being considered for further selection process.

→ **For further information about the application procedure please go to our webpage: <https://www.atsaf.org/en/atsaf-academy/> or contact academy@atsaf.de by email**