

The Germany-CGIAR⁺⁺ Science and Impact Hub



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Call for applications: PhD Program

[The Germany-CGIAR⁺⁺ Science and Impact Hub](#) is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It functions as a platform connecting German scientific excellence with the international CGIAR⁺⁺ centers the global research partnership for a food secure future (CGIAR), the World Vegetable Center and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe). Hosted at the [CIFOR-ICRAF](#) office in Bonn and driven through a strong partnership with the [Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research \(ATSAF e.V.\)](#), the Hub leverages decades of collaboration and innovation to foster new pathways for impactful research, training, and policy solutions.

Germany and the CGIAR & partners share a long tradition of collaborating in development-oriented agricultural research. [The Hub](#) aims to further strengthen this partnership. It is embedded in the [CGIAR Capacity Sharing Accelerator](#), where it creates mechanisms for a stronger engagement of German science – especially early-career researchers – in CGIAR⁺⁺ activities, and amplifies existing collaborations. [The Hub's](#) mission is to strengthen ties between German universities, German research institutions and CGIAR⁺⁺ centers worldwide.

Through a joint [PhD Program](#), [the Hub](#) supports and empowers the next generation of impact-oriented researchers, offering hands-on experience, mentorship and interdisciplinary training directly aligned with global development goals such as the SDGs, the Paris Climate Agreement, and other multilateral commitments.

- [The Hub](#) awards a scholarship of EUR 1,800 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.
- The PhD candidate will be enrolled in a German University and jointly supervised by a CGIAR⁺⁺ researcher. Field work will happen in the context of a CGIAR⁺⁺ research program or project.
- In addition to the monthly scholarship, a research grant of EUR 25,000 may be requested, which can be used for research related to the PhD project.
- [The Hub](#) 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.

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Requirements for the applications:

1. 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.
2. Letter of motivation (signed by the applicant and max. 1 page)
3. Curriculum vitae (in tabular form, signed and dated, max. 1 page)
4. Research proposal. Please use the **template (Hub_PhD-Research-Proposal_Template)** provided on our webpage: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>
5. MSc certificate and transcript of academic records issued by the examination office
6. TOEFL or IELTS certificate or other English proficiency certificate
7. Letter of recommendation and supervision confirmation from a professor affiliated to a German university (University supervisor). Please use the **template (Hub_PhD-LoR-and-LoS-Uni-Sup_Template)** provided on our webpage: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>
8. Letter of recommendation and supervision commitment from a CGIAR⁺⁺ center scientist (CGIAR⁺⁺ supervisor), stating the attachment to a CGIAR⁺⁺ research program/project. Please use the **template (Hub_PhD-LoR-and-LoS-CG-Sup_Template)** provided on our webpage: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>
9. Hosting Agreement from the respective CGIAR⁺⁺ center. Please use the **template (Hub_PhD-Hosting-Agreement_Template)** provided on our webpage: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>

How to apply:

To apply please use **the Hub** application portal – the portal will be **activated for submissions from mid-November**: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>

Application deadline: **January 15th, 2026**

Scholarships (3+1 years) are to be awarded with a PhD project starting 01.04.2026. The **application deadline** for a scholarship (**with a starting date of PhD project and scholarship 01.04.2026**) is **15.01.2026**. Applications will be evaluated, and scholarships will be awarded from this date on.

For further information about the application procedure please go to our webpage: <https://hub.cifor-icraf.org/>

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