

20 study places and within this 10 Lichtenberg PhD scholarships to be awarded

for the PhD programme “Biodiversity and Society“ at the Georg-August-University Göttingen
(effective as of 1 April 2010 and subject to final approval).

The *Land* of Lower Saxony sponsors excellent young PhD students in the course of their work towards a doctoral degree. These funds support the PhD programme “Biodiversity and Society – social dimensions of the protection and use of biological diversity” directed by the Göttingen Graduate School for Social Sciences (GGG), which will begin in April 2010 under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Rainer Marggraf from the Department for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. Additionally, the programme is generously endowed with Lichtenberg scholarships (1.365 Euro per month plus 135 Euro material costs and if applicable allowances for families or studies abroad) for three years per scholar.

Research on biodiversity is a core academic element at the Georg-August-University in Göttingen. The aim of the PhD programme is to discuss the protection and use of biological diversity from the social scientific point of view.

In the PhD course, researchers from the following areas cooperate with the objective of developing an interdisciplinary perspective on protecting and sustainably using biological diversity:

Agricultural Sciences (Environmental and Resource Economics, Agro-Ecology, Rural Management, Crop Sciences), Economic Sciences (Environmental and Institutional Economics, Production and Logistics), Social Sciences (cooperative behaviour of economic, state and social actors), Biology (Didactics of biology, Social and Communication Psychology), Legal Studies (International Business and Environmental Law) as well as Philosophy (Applied Philosophy and Ethical Studies).

For further information on the core topic areas as well as on the participating scientists and scholars please go to www.biodiversitaet-gesellschaft.uni-goettingen.de. You can also find information on the documents required there.

Göttingen University aims to increase the ratio of women in areas, in which women are underrepresented and therefore, explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Appropriately qualified, severely disabled persons are treated preferentially.

Application is asked to be send until 15. January 2010.

Please send the application in one single file (pdf) to: eschroe1@gwdg.de

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