

Universität Kassel · 37213 Witzenhausen

Tanzanian Researchers with Master degree or equivalent

To whom it may concern

Prof. Andreas Thiel (Ph.D., habil.)
Section International Agricultural Policy
and Environmental Governance

University of Kassel
Steinstraße 19
37213 Witzenhausen
Germany

thiel@uni-kassel.de
Telefon +49 5542 98 1241
Fax +49 5542 98 1309

31.01.2025

**Offer: Scholarship Tanzanian Agricultural Economics, Social Sciences,
Political Economy PhD candidate for a duration of four years**

The Section of International Agricultural Policy and Environmental Governance at the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences at the University of Kassel, Germany together with the University of Dar Es Salaam, College of Social Sciences, develop research on land use change on the Southern slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The project is part of a larger, 10 years long research project (<https://kili-ses.senckenberg.de/>) funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG). The project consortium involves 7 sub-projects across several Universities in Germany, Switzerland and Tanzania.

Sub-project 5, led by University of Kassel, on "Understanding social-ecological transformation: the role of governance and institutions" invites **Tanzanian researchers with Master degree** or equivalent to apply for a stipend for a Ph.D. as part of the project. The academic work will be preceded by a 6-months stay in Germany in order to learn the language and get accustomed to Germany. The scholarship including the preparatory period of 6 months lasts 4 years (2025–2029). It is administered by the German Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD). Once candidates were selected by University of Kassel, a second selection process with the KAAD needs to be undergone by applicants. Ideally, scholarships start with stays in Germany in April or May 2025. Ph.D. students will be part of a team of 4 researchers at University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, working on 4 work packages. Ph.D. students will prominently work on the assessment of resilience and sustainability of local farming and food systems on the Southern slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Further, they will contribute to mapping food systems and the analysis of their governance und underpinning institutions. We expect the following skills and qualifications from Tanzanian candidates:

- Excellent M.Sc. / M.A. degree in natural resource economics, agricultural economics or social sciences
- Knowledge of the role of institutions and governance for agriculture

- Knowledge and experience with design and execution of quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Knowledge and experience with analysis of quantitative and qualitative data
- Team work
- Autonomous research and project execution
- Willingness to conduct field work on Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
- Excellent writing skills

Desirable:

- Experience in food system analysis, scenario techniques and Delphi method
- Political economy approaches to the analysis of agriculture and the food system/ value chain
- Interest in theory and methods development
- Publication experience

Interested candidates are encouraged to send a C.V., a cover/Motivation letter, certificates and ideally also a written piece of own research (seminar paper, article, thesis) in a single PDF file to schuetze@uni-kassel.de by **21. February 2025**. For questions about the position, please also contact Nora Schütze.

After evaluation of the applications, zoom or hybrid (in Dar Es Salaam) **interviews** will be held with the shortlisted candidates on 5–7 March 2025.