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The Right Livelihood College (RLC) at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany, offers a DAAD-funded PhD research scholarship on:

## **Fundamental Human Needs and Changing Socio-Ecological Systems: A Case Study in Rural Chile**

### **Background**

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global transdisciplinary education and research initiative of universities and the "Alternative Nobel Prize", the Right Livelihood Award (RLA). There are currently seven RLC Campuses worldwide, among others at the University of Bonn, Germany, and the Universidad Austral in Valdivia, Chile.

In collaboration with RLA Laureate Prof. Manfred Max-Neef and the RLC Campus Valdivia, the RLC Campus in Bonn and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offer a 3-year PhD scholarship for candidates from Latin America to carry out an empirical PhD research project related to the topic "Fundamental Human Needs and Changing Socio-Ecological Systems: A Case Study in Rural Chile".

### **Research context**

The concept of Human Scale Development (HSD), developed by Manfred Max-Neef and colleagues, proposes an alternative approach to the 'classic' economic vision of development. It tenders a holistic taxonomy of nine fundamental human needs and four types of satisfiers (forms of being, having, doing and interacting). The PhD research is expected to apply and further develop the HSD concept by analyzing how marginalized communities in rural Chile can mobilize their resources and generate synergic processes in a changing socio-ecological system. Applicants have to develop a short PhD research proposal narrowing down the research scope.

### **The PhD scholarships**

Qualified applicants should be citizens of a Latin American country and currently reside there. They should hold an excellent master's or equivalent degree in development studies, sociology, political sciences or related disciplines, and have outstanding proficiency in empirical qualitative and quantitative field research methods. Experience in interdisciplinary research teams is an asset. Fluency in Spanish and English is mandatory. The age limit is 32 years.

The scholarship is funded by the DAAD for 3 years starting from August 1, 2015. It covers a Junior Researcher position at ZEF and all respective costs for travel and

research. In the first year, the candidate will participate in the international ZEF Doctoral Program in Bonn, followed by one year doing field research in Chile. In the last year, the candidate will write their thesis at ZEF.

Your application should consist of:

- Motivation letter (1 page)
- A CV in EUROPASS format – see template under:  
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>
- Two recommendation letters from professors and/or supervisors
- Certified academic degree documents (PDF)
- Short PhD research proposal narrowing the research scope (max. 5 pages)
- RLC Application Form – download here: <http://goo.gl/npcDKi>

All documents are to be submitted in English. Closing date for applications is March 15, 2015. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Please send your applications via e-mail to:

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