Call for Nominations

Dear colleagues and EM+ partner institution coordinators,

Greetings from the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences at Witzenhausen (University of Kassel).

With this mail, we welcome you to nominate students for the winter term 2023/24 (01 Oct 2023 - 31 Mar 2024; lecture period: 16 Oct 2023 - 09 Feb 2024 + 2-3 exam weeks in February) to study for one semester at our faculty. We are glad to continue or initialize hosting students from your institution and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Nominations by 01 May 2023

For the nominations, you need to **start a pre-selection procedure of students** in your institution. For us, the pre-selection must be based on the following application documents

- 1. motivation letter (addressing the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Andreas Thiel)
- 2. up-to-date CV
- 3. up-to-date transcript of record (ECTS) & certificates; above average achievements
- 4. **language certificates** (ideally TOEFL, IELTS, or appropriate proofs of an environment where the medium of instruction for the nominee was/is the respective language):
 - English (for international M.Sc. <u>IFBC</u> or <u>SIA</u> programs): B2 or higher or
 - German (for German B.Sc./M.Sc. Organic Agriculture programs: B2 or higher

Kindly check the possible/still available **number of student mobilities** we have jointly agreed upon (see **Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA)** and/or budget table). Based on these figure(s), suggest nominees strategically over the funded period of 3 years (at best not all mobilities in one semester).

Fill in the questionnaire at https://umfrage.uni-

<u>kassel.de/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=567485&lang=en</u> and type the basic information per nominee <u>and</u> upload the **4 documents** (s. above as one PDF each) <u>no later than 01 May 2023.</u> You may use this form as well to nominate staff if this is priorily agreed with the <u>hosting partner/section</u> of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences AND in line with the available budget (check the IIA form and budget table). However, staff can be nominated at any time

Please note!!!

- we are not responsible for the necessary steps, sequences, and procedures at your institutions. Each institution must be autonomously managing this process
- Kindly **protocol and archive the pre-selection process!** DAAD/ERASMUS officials may ask at any time if criteria have been met and followed.
- Nominated students are not automatically admitted to this exchange!

Selection between 02 and 15 May 2023

- 1. After a brief screening, we will invite the applicants for an online interview to see their English (or German) capabilities and answer open questions for the intended exchange and stay at Witzenhausen
- 2. Thereafter, the final decision will be done jointly before **15 Nov 2023**. The admission (or decline of nominees) will follow the weeks after.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at any time at tropenzentrum@uni-kassel.de

Best wishes Martin W.

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