

Research positions in economics f/m

The Centre for World Food Studies at the VU University in Amsterdam has research positions for quantitative economists

About the Centre

The Centre for World Food Studies (Dutch acronym SOW-VU) is a research institute that studies a broad range of development oriented policy issues, using scientific methods from various disciplines with a focus on modeling and empirical validation. The current portfolio of activities includes projects on the long-term development of the Chinese economy, how these lessons may be of use for Africa's development, the modeling and valuation of water flows, and the design of adaptation strategies for vulnerable households in Africa. The Centre also studies the provision of food aid in Sub-Saharan Africa, drawing upon its current specialization in spatially explicit transport models. Projects oriented towards policy assistance at national level are underway for the Ukraine and Bangladesh, and via the AGRODEP program, which provides modeling support to teams of African researchers.

In order to enhance scientific cooperation, the Centre works in multidisciplinary teams and maintains a large network of counterparts, which includes the Chinese Academy of Science, IIASA, IFPRI and the Joint Research Centre of the EU. The Centre gives advice to several Dutch Ministries and international organizations such as the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the European Commission.

More information on the Centre and its research activities can be found at <http://www.sow.vu.nl>.

Job requirements

The job openings are for economists with a strong background in economic theory and quantitative methods. The candidates should have a PhD in economics or econometrics, preferably with publications in international journals. They will be active in project acquisition and the execution and coordination of externally funded projects, and educational tasks have to be performed in projects that have a capacity building component. Experience in programming is considered an asset.

Rules for academic positions at the VU University will be followed. Depending on the level of seniority, gross salaries are in the range of €2612 to €4970 per month.

Application procedure

Applicants should send a CV, cover letter with motivation and recent research publications and/or working papers to Prof Dr M.A. Keyzer, Director of the Centre for World Food Studies, VU University, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, or by email to pm@sow.vu.nl.