The Friedrich Haberlandt Scholarship

for post-graduate research on soybean

The Friedrich Haberlandt Scholarship was established by Donau Soja for financing a doctorate at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), in cooperation with the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GSCAAS) and with financial support of the German states of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, Agroscope (Switzerland) and Saatgut Austria*. The scholarship is named after the agricultural scientist Prof. Friedrich Haberlandt (1826–1878) who pioneered soybean cultivation in Europe. It is devoted to collaborative applied genetic research and for establishing long-lasting scientific liaison on soybean between European and Chinese partners.

The organisers of the scholarship are looking for an enterprising and motivated

Doctoral student

The successful candidate will conduct research within a three to four-year project based at BOKU and GSCAAS. The overall purpose of the research is to increase understanding and use of soybean genetic resources in China and Europe. The research will address a wide range of opportunities through accessing genetic resources in China and Europe through a joint phenotyping and genotyping experiment of Chinese and European elite soybean germplasm.

As a key member of the Donau Soja scientific team, the researcher will be a doctoral candidate at BOKU. The doctoral studies will be co-supervised by Prof. Lijuan Qiu at the GSCAAS in Beijing. The scholar will also have the support of the Donau Soja Scientific Advisory Board and the Friedrich Haberlandt Scholarship Committee representing the funding organisations and key research institutions.

Candidates must meet the academic requirements for admission to the doctoral programme at BOKU.1 Candidates have to have a strong background in relevant agricultural sciences (especially crop science, plant genetics and statistics). The scholarship offers a very enriching integrated academic, agricultural development, commercial, and public policy environment and therefore a candidate with a flexible and enterprising outlook is sought. A working knowledge of German is a distinct advantage. The doctorate student is expected to study Chinese (Mandarin) if this language skill is missing.

Scheduled starting date: January/February 2018
Project duration: 3-4 years
Working location: China and Austria & Germany
Salary: EUR 2,071 per month according to FWF scheme (FWF Personalkostensatz 2017) plus travel costs. Payments for the stay in China will be adjusted when Chinese scholarships/grants in China are available.
Application: The application is open until 31 October 2017

Interested candidates are invited to write outlining their interest in the position, a Curriculum Vitae with detailed information on their educational background and qualifications, relevant work experience and English language skills and accompanied by the full set of application documents as stated on the website of BOKU.1

Contact for application and for further questions:

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1 Admission criteria for doctoral/PhD programmes at BOKU

*other funding partner pending

The funding organisations

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Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft

Confédération suisse
Confédération Suisse
Confederazione svizzera

Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economy Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)

Agroscope