

Application period from 1st May to 30th June 2024

How can the postgraduate programme "International Cooperation for Sustainable Development" contribute to a successful career start?

For over 60 years now, the SLE has been training 20 young professionals for international cooperation every year. The practice-oriented programme addresses Master's graduates from all disciplines relevant to development cooperation who demonstrate a corresponding interest and commitment. The interdisciplinary programme appeals in particular to the "green" sciences (geosciences, agriculture, forestry, environmental sciences, etc.), but also to students of engineering as well as political, social, economic and cultural sciences.

International cooperation and development cooperation

covers a wide variety of topics and working areas and places high demands on experts and managers in this field. In general, you work worldwide and for different actors and institutions of German and international cooperation. The professional challenges are becoming ever greater and the solutions ever more complex. Those who want to enter the professional field therefore not only need good specialist knowledge, an interdisciplinary approach and a high level of motivation, but also the ability to work with people and organisations in an interculturally sensitive manner and to accompany processes.

Five good reasons for your participation in the SLE postgraduate programme:

➤ **Increase your career opportunities in the field of international cooperation**

SLE graduates are highly appreciated experts and managers in international cooperation. The SLE provides you with the best career and networking opportunities: Within one year after receiving the certificate, more than 90 percent of the graduates succeed in entering the professional field.

➤ **Our programme systematically promotes your personal development within the team and as an expert**

In a creative and performance-oriented atmosphere, we promote teamwork as well as your individual skills, talents and competencies.

➤ **We offer you a strong link between theory and practice – learning and implementation**

We impart key expert knowledge, conduct practice-oriented research with innovative concepts and at the current state of the debate. As a university institution, the SLE is building bridges between science and practice by bringing scientific knowledge into practice and practical experience into the scientific debate. We communicate our findings to the public and always have a finger on the pulse of the times.

➤ **In the context of its transformation agenda, the SLE PROGRAMME provides critical thinking and a sound knowledge of methods that have been tried and tested in practice**

At the SLE, we discuss critically about causes of global inequality as well as relational development policies in North and South. We have an anti-racist position and strive for diversity in every respect. Furthermore, SLE is known for its methodological competence. In research and practice, we apply tools for the co-creation of knowledge – inter- and transdisciplinary. We teach action-oriented skills and experiential learning. SLE lecturers provide effective solutions to real-life challenges.

➤ **We guarantee a strong connection to the professional field of international cooperation**

Participants gain expertise, competencies and skills specifically tailored to the professional field of international development cooperation. Hands-on experience through practical case studies during the Joint International Research Projects (JIRP) and individually adapted professional mentoring facilitate the start into the professional career.

Requirements and admission procedure

These are the requirements for a successful application:

- Completed degree, diploma or master's degree, with good or very good grades
- Very good English language skills (CEFR: C1) further good knowledge of another language is an advantage. German language skills are an asset.
- Outstanding interest in and commitment to development policy, internships abroad
- Nationality: Germany, other EU member state or a a OECD DAC Country of ODA Recipients. Citizens of other countries can also participate in the programme, but do not receive any funding.

We explicitly welcome applicants from countries of the Global South or from other EU countries. The SLE pursues an inclusion strategy and a family-friendly approach.

Duration and financing

The full-time study programme lasts 12 months (including 3 months of empirical phase in partner countries) and takes place annually from January to December. Admitted participants receive a scholarship of 1,300 euros per month and, if applicable, a child allowance.

Application deadline:

Apply from 1st May to 30th June 2024 at <https://www.sle-berlin.de/en/study/admission-application/>.

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