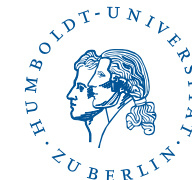


The Centre for Rural Development (SLE) trains 20 young professionals each year for the field of international cooperation (IC). The postgraduate programme "International Cooperation for Sustainable Development" aims to equip participants with the skills needed to successfully manage development projects. The programme at SLE offers an ideal entry point into the field of international cooperation. It is aligned with the professional field's requirements and can be considered as professional experience. The three-month Joint International Research Projects (JIRP) represent a significant component of the programme. Following graduation, the SLE offers ongoing support through coaching to assist with job placement.

We are pleased to report that more than 95% of graduates have secured employment within one year of graduation with organisations such as GIZ, KfW, BMZ, FAO, UN, NGOs, foundations, or consulting companies in their home country or internationally.



SLE STUDY PROGRAMME

POSTGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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„Through the SLE, I got my current dream job and made friends for life. It was an intense, inspiring, instructive time.“

Giulia Katenbrink, Foundation
Partnerships Manager, Welthungerhilfe



INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PRACTICAL

Teaching at SLE combines theory with practice and specialised knowledge with methodology. The programme focuses on sustainable development strategies for rural and urban areas. Participants study strategies and tools for sustainable development, disaster prevention, food security and conflict prevention. Topics such as poverty reduction and climate change are also part of the programme. Students also improve their methodological skills, such as facilitation, teamwork and team management. During a three-month stay in partner countries, the participants put their newly acquired skills into practice as part of a research project. Individual career coaching is also available.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates have very good career prospects. After completing the programme, almost all participants enter the professional field of international cooperation. They go on to work for GIZ, KfW or the BMZ, for example. They also work for other international organisations such as the FAO, the UN or EU. Other potential employers and clients are the (inter-)national non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or consulting companies.

CURRICULUM

M1: Theory, Policy, Strategies of Sustainable Development

Socio-ecological Economics: Social Entrepreneurship, Policies and Social Protection; Intersectionality and Feminism; Ecosystems and Nutrition: Trilemma of Land Use, Climate Crisis and Urban Development, Disaster Risk Management; Governance and Participation: Conflict sensitivity, Migration, Empowerment, Resilience

M2: Communication, Teamwork Techniques

Teamwork, Communicating Transformation, Participatory Workshop Design, Facilitation, Anti-Racist Training, Conflict Management, Advisory Practice

M3: Management Methods in IC

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of IC projects

JOINT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS (JIRP)

On average, four studies are carried out each year in cooperation with partners from IC organisations. The teams are interdisciplinary and are supervised by an experienced team leader.

CAREER COUNSELLING

Including individual career coaching

95%

of the graduates of the SLE STUDY PROGRAMME of the last three years have a specialised or management position in international cooperation.

SLE statistics of 2023

PLENARY PHASE

January until May (20 weeks)

PREPARATION

June until July (8 weeks)

STAY ABROAD

August until October (12 weeks)

FOLLOW-UP

November (4 weeks)

CAREER COUNSELLING

December (2 weeks)

APPLICATION & ADMISSION

The programme is for master graduates who have completed their studies with good or very good grades and demonstrate an above-average interest and commitment to development. You must have theoretical and practical knowledge of the professional field, international experience, and good language and social skills to be considered for admission. Applications can be submitted online via the SLE homepage. The application period lasts from 1 May to 30 June each year. 20 participants are selected in a two-stage process from more than 200 applicants. We strongly welcome applicants from the Global South or from other EU countries with very good knowledge of English. The SLE pursues an inclusive and family-friendly approach.

LINK TO APPLICATION at www.sle-berlin.de



FINANCING

Admitted participants receive a scholarship of currently 1300,- euros per month and, if applicable, a child allowance.