

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

March 2019

Register for Summer Semester 2019 Courses

The second registration period for the 2019 summer semester will open March 18, 2019 and close March 27, 2019. Check out at the AFECO [course catalogue](#) and get ready to gear up for next semester, after a much deserved break, of course!

New Language + New Friend = Tandem Partner

Looking to improve your language skills and make a new friend along the way? The Tandem Partner program is a great way to practice your 2nd (or 3rd or 4th or 5th...) language while helping out a peer speak your native language. Check out the fellow Bonners looking for a conversation buddy [here](#).

Global Biobased Businessplan (G-BiB) Competition 2019 - Call for Students

The (G-BiB) is a competition for Master and PhD students in Germany and Belgium. The objective of G-BiB is to stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation by producing a bio-renewable chemical, material and/or fuel product. The competition is open for teams of 2-5 Master and/or PhD students from universities in Belgium and Germany. More info [here](#).

It's Karneval Season!

The traditional Storming of the Old Town Hall will take place on Sunday, 3 March 2019. Watch our colorful parade in the city on Rose Monday, 4 March 2019. The Karneval season in the Rhineland ends on Ash Wednesday (6 March, 2019) so grab a costume and enjoy! More info on Karneval events can be found [here](#). Alaaf!

Friday 8 March 2019: International Women's Day

On Friday 8 March, 2019 at 5pm, Bettina Metz from the German Committee for UN Women and Andrea Rupp of the German Female Lawyer Association will discuss the progress and achievements of past women as well as where there is a risk of regression with future issues. The highlight of the afternoon will be a concert with Cynthia Nickschas from Bonn, a songwriter with critical and lively lyrics. Location: Frauenmuseum, Im Krasufeld 10.

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[2 Student Assistants/ Studentische Hilfskräfte \(WHFs\)](#), Center for Development Research (ZEF)
Bonn
Application Deadline: 15.03.2019

[Praktikum Produktmanagement](#), CLAAS

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) für den Bereich Produktmanagement Precision Farming](#), AGCO,
Marktoberdorf

[Praktikant Förderkreditgeschäft \(m/w/d\)](#), Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank, Frankfurt

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) Agenda 2030 für nachhaltige Entwicklung](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 05.03.2019

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) bei den Grünen Innovationszentren der Agrar- und Ernährungswirtschaft,
Schwerpunkt Monitoring und Evaluierung](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 10.03.2019

[Research Intern \(f/m/x\)](#), TMG Research gGmbH, Berlin
Application deadline: 19.03.2019

[Internship assignment](#), United Nations, Framework Convention on Climate Change
Application deadline: 10.03.2019

Check out the ILR [website](#) for PhD positions and other post-graduate job opportunities.

***job descriptions in German require fluent German skills**

ILR Testimonial: Internship Participants

We reached out to two AFECO students who completed internships in 2018 and asked them to share details about their experience with their peers.

Niklas Mueller - German Development Cooperation (GIZ)

My internship started in July 2018 and lasted until December 2018. I really enjoyed working at GIZ. My colleagues were really supportive and I gained a lot of knowledge. I was able to participate in different national events like the launch of the World Hunger Index in Berlin. During my day-to-day, I mainly summarized and translated international reports about food security and nutrition or was responsible for doing some research about current development issues.

Furthermore, I wrote protocols for internal events and prepared a presentation about adolescent nutrition and its importance for development assistance.



I think that my internship opened many doors because I widened my professional network and gained my first working experience. GIZ is well known in developmental assistance so it's always useful to have it on your CV. However, I think that my professional future will lie more in public relations and in raising awareness about developmental assistance, because it is more communicative and less research intensive. Nevertheless, I can recommend GIZ to anyone who is interested in developmental work.

Laura Marie Schiefer - Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

LS: Doing an internship at FAO was a great opportunity to become familiar with the United Nations' (UN) work environment and hence, to deepen my knowledge in the field of international agricultural policy. Moreover, I gained more insights in development cooperation and recent research progress on topics such as biodiversity and climate change. It was a very rewarding time and a chance I highly appreciated.



AT: Why did you decide to do an internship abroad?

LS: To be honest, as FAO is located in Rome, it just happened to become an internship abroad. It was not my primary goal to go abroad but to work in an organization that would inspire me. Yet, living in Italy was a nice prospect and I was happy to experience the everyday life within such an interesting culture. As FAO's official working language is English, it was also a nice opportunity to improve my business English.

AT: How do you think your time at FAO impacts your future career prospects?

LS: The internship was a great source of inspiration and motivation. It was enriching to work in a United Nation's environment and to become more familiar with the field of international agricultural policy. Thus, I believe it will be a valuable experience in regards to future career prospects. It would be a pleasure to work in FAO or a related organization one day, but of course, I am open to a wide range of other topics, companies and organizations.

If you would like to do an internship as free elective module in the AFECO Master programme please register for the internship module on [BASIS](#) and contact the internship coordinator Manuela Meraner.

We want you to contribute!

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, whether it be on a recurring or one time basis, please contact Alex Trecha at afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de. A big thank you to **Ange** who has contributed to the last 4 issues of the newsletter, more student voices are encouraged!