

Postdoctoral Position in ETH's new Food Systems Economics and Policy Group

100%, Zürich, fixed-term

Job description

We offer a full-time 2-year postdoctoral position in our progressive and diversity-embracing new group, Food Systems Economics and Policy, which is led by Assistant Professor Dr. Eva-Marie Meemken.

In our group, you will contribute to and be part of our research on labor in global food systems. We collaborate to implement your and other team members' ideas. Our team includes two doctoral students, who will implement surveys of farm and food services workers in Europe and Africa, providing ample opportunities to collaborate and to add research questions. Ideas based on secondary data are also welcome.

You will work in an excellent and inspiring research environment, allowing you to strengthen your research record, scientific network, and skills and ideas. For example, the group will happily support and finance your plans to travel to relevant conferences or to pursue other activities aimed at fostering your scientific or professional network and skills.

The position requires traveling and involves a light load of supervision- and teaching-related tasks. You would be welcome (not a must) to write or be involved in grant applications, which could create opportunities for extending the two-year position. The preferred starting date is March 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter. Salary and social benefits are provided according to [ETH Zurich rules](#).

Your profile

You hold (or will soon hold) a Ph.D. in agricultural economics or related field (e.g., development, labor, or food economics or development studies). You have excellent academic qualifications and strong writing and econometric skills. Additional experiences with qualitative data are welcome.

You are excited about global food production and social conditions in food systems, and you are keen to work on agrifood labor issues. You have creative research ideas that you seek to pursue but you also see it as a great opportunity to collaborate with your junior colleagues (e.g., by contributing to the survey design or supporting the implementation of the survey at crucial stages).

German language skills are highly desired but not a requirement. Fieldwork experiences and related networks in Africa or Europe are a plus as well as experiences in teaching and supervision.

Interested?

We look forward to receiving your online application with the following documents:

- Letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)
- CV (max. 3 pages)
- Diplomas
- Copies of 2 selected papers (published or working papers)
- 2 scientific references (and contact details) who can be contacted (no letters!)
- A research proposal outlining how you would contribute to our research (max. 2 pages)

You can apply online **until January 12, 2022**. Please note that we exclusively accept applications submitted through our online application portal. Applications via email or postal services will not be considered. The link to submit your application will be published shortly. For updates, please check [ETH's job portal](#) or Twitter (@EvaMeemken)). If you have any questions, please contact Eva-Marie Meemken (emeemken@mailbox.org).

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