

START YOUR CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH SUBSTANCE!

The Postgraduate Programme “International Cooperation for Sustainable Development”

Ready to make a difference? For over 60 years, the Centre for Rural Development (SLE) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin has been training 20 dedicated young professionals each year to address the challenges of international cooperation. This one-year, practice-oriented postgraduate programme is designed for master's graduates from all development cooperation-relevant disciplines – including geosciences, agriculture, forestry, environmental sciences, engineering, political sciences, economics, social or cultural sciences.

WHY SLE? – 5 REASONS



Boost your career opportunities

SLE graduates successfully enter the professional field at international organizations, NGOs, ministries or in academia – SLE is a recognized launchpad for your career.



Grow personally – as a team player and expert

Develop your technical, social, and intercultural competencies in a collaborative, inspiring learning environment with clear practical relevance.



Theory meets practice

SLE bridges the gap between theory and practice by translating scientific knowledge into real-world applications.



Think critically, act globally

We question global inequalities, promote a transformative mindset, and advocate for diversity, inclusion, and anti-racist perspectives.



Strong connection to the professional field

Through Joint International Research Projects (JIRP), practical case studies, and personalised mentoring, you'll be expertly prepared for the challenges and opportunities of international cooperation

Application Requirements

Completed Master's or Diploma degree (good to excellent grades)

Excellent proficiency in English (additional languages, e.g. German or UN languages, are a plus)

Strong interest in development cooperation (e.g. internships abroad)

Citizenship of an EU member state or an ODA recipient country (OECD DAC list for funding eligibility)

PROGRAMME KEY FACTS

Duration: 12 months (January- December), including a 3-month research phase in partner countries

Location: Berlin + partner countries worldwide

Funding: 1300€ monthly scholarship, child allowance (if applicable)



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Application period

May 1 - June 30, 2026

