

SUPERSEAS PhD position 1

PhD position: Design of area-based aquaculture management and certification models

We are looking for

Applications are being invited for a PhD candidate to conduct research through the SUPERSEAS programme; attached to the Environmental Policy Group (ENP) and Business economics Group (BEC) at Wageningen University. You will also spend time working with the WorldFish Centre in Penang Malaysia. You will conduct independent research on the design of area-based management (ABM) and certification models for aquaculture in Southeast Asia. You will develop your PhD project in line with questions on the principles of effective ABM, the applicability and design of sustainability certification. You will answer these questions by undertaking an assessment of existing collective production systems and sustainability certification schemes. You will be based at Wageningen University, but with extended periods of field work in Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam.

SUPERSEAS is a major research programme funded by the NWO Food and Business Global Challenges Program. The objective of SUPERSEAS is to study area-based management and certification as an alternative governance and risk-sharing model for sustainable aquaculture and to explore how vulnerable producers and consumers can benefit from reduced risk of aquaculture production and more secure supply both directly and through markets. The SUPERSEAS program includes 3 PhD-projects.

We ask

- A master's degree in sociology, geography or business economics or any other related field
- Some knowledge of aquaculture production systems and resource management is preferable
- Capacity to carry out independent fieldwork in an international setting
- A collaborative and team oriented attitude, with an open mind for other scientific approaches
- A strong ambition to upgrade your knowledge and academic skills
- Candidates with a scientific publication record are preferred

To apply

Your application has to be accompanied by the following documents:

- A one page cover letter with your motivation to take this position
- A three page interpretation of how you would undertake this research based on your reading of the full proposal ([Download](#)).
- Curriculum Vitae
- Bachelor Diploma (or equivalent) and Transcript of Academic Records
- Master Diploma and Transcript of Academic Records
- Copy of valid passport
- Two letters of recommendation (not obligatory but advised)

- Proficiency test in the English language (only for candidates from non-Anglophone countries and applicants who have not completed their higher education with English language instruction. The following tests are accepted: TOEFL internet based test score 90 with minimum sub-score of 23 for speaking; IELTS score 6.5 with minimum sub-score of 6.0 for speaking; Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) minimum grade B; Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) any grade

Your application should be sent before the 1st of September to Simon Bush by email (simon.bush@wur.nl). Please indicate the name and number of the SUPERSEAS PhD position you are applying for clearly in your cover letter.

We offer

A PhD-position for a period of 18 months, extended with another 30 months upon favourable evaluation. Gross salary will increase from €2125 in the first year up to €2717 in the last year based on a full-time appointment (38 hours per week). In addition, we offer a holiday allowance of 8% and an end-of-the-year allowance of 8.3% of your annual salary.

Additional information about this vacancy can be obtained from Simon Bush (simon.bush@wur.nl) or Miranda Meuwissen (miranda.meuwissen@wur.nl)