



RESEARCH PROGRAM ON
**Climate Change,
Agriculture and
Food Security**



Internship / thesis opportunity for Master students in Bioversity International – Costa Rica

Bioversity International is an international research-for-development organization focusing on the role of agricultural biodiversity in improving rural livelihoods in developing countries. Bioversity International has two internship opportunities available in a project on climate resilient planning. This project aims to create relevant information services to improve organizational and political decision-making processes on food security under climate variability. The Project is executed under the umbrella of the CGIAR Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) Program, and financed by the Interamerican Institute for Global Change Research (IAI). Project counterparts are CATIE, CIAT, and IRI. Our regional office for Central America is in Turrialba, Costa Rica. Main project sites are in Guatemala.

We are looking for two motivated Master students to conduct research in our project in the area of **(1) information design** and **(2) experimental research on information preferences**.

1) Information design

- Task: design climate and food security information products with perspective on human-centered design / usability, based on research on users' information needs
- Educational background of the candidate should be in a design discipline, such as information design, interaction design or a related field.
- First experience in designing information products, knowledge of human-centered design concept
- Eventually, concepts will be implemented in automatically generated reports. Therefore, it is desirable that the candidate has experience with scripting to make graphics.

2) Experimental research on information preferences

- Task: conduct research on climate information, experimental economics and information preferences and design experimental setting on information use
- Educational background of the candidate should be in economics, development economics, development studies, psychology, marketing or related field.
- Courses in behavioral economics, experimental economics, experimental research designs in behavioral studies
- Statistical knowledge, interest in interdisciplinary research
- Software: experience in using statistical software is necessary (preferably R or STATA)



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Additional requirements applicable to both internships

- Preferably experience of living abroad, especially in a developing country
- Independent working attitude
- At least intermediate command of spoken Spanish (B2/C1 level)
- Willingness to travel within Central America

What we offer:

- Supervision from scientists working in information services design
- Working in dynamic, international and interdisciplinary environment
- Monthly stipend
- Travel costs to Costa Rica
- Duration 6 – 12 month (negotiable), starting as soon as possible

If you are interested in working with us send us a one-page motivation letter and an updated CV until **January 22, 2016** to anna.muller@cgiar.org

For further information go to www.bioversityinternational.org or www.ccafs.cgiar.org