

SUMMER SCHOOL in South Africa
“Green and Social Entrepreneurship
for Biodiversity Conservation and Local Development”



Call for Applications
Deadline June, 30th 2018

Apply now to join the international Summer School “Green and Social Entrepreneurship for Biodiversity Conservation and Local Development”. This event will be held in the South African Province of KwaZulu Natal between the 4th and 11th of November 2018 and is jointly organized by a network of the following African and German partners:

- The Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University,
- The School of Agriculture, Engineering and Sciences of the University of KwaZulu Natal,
- Wildlands Conservation Trust (WILDLANDS),
- The University of Zululand,
- The International Center for Sustainable Development (IZNE) and
- The Global Nature Fund.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates are PhD and advanced master students who are either members/students of the above partner institutions or are living in one of the southern African countries of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. We invite junior researchers to submit an abstract about their research to the organizers for their consideration.

Topic

The concept of green and social entrepreneurship anchored in the principles of green and biodiversity-friendly economies is growing with the increasing ecological challenges faced in our more and more globalized world. ‘Social enviropreneurs` seek to provide solutions for environmental and social problems acting as societal agents of change while exploring and promoting innovative

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development pathways. The idea is to develop win-win-win innovations for creating social and financial value through inclusive and green growth while conserving biodiversity. This summer school will explore different concepts and ideas concerning social and green entrepreneurship in theory and practice and critically discuss them with respect to their sustainability while providing a collaborative platform for a mutual sharing of experiences, ideas and approaches.

Participation

Junior researchers are expected to bring a poster show-casing their academic or practical work related to social and green entrepreneurship. These posters have to be presented during a poster session. Selected participants will have the additional option to present their work in an oral presentation.

Application and Costs

Please apply by submitting a complete application form including information about your motivation and a 300 word abstract of your poster/presentation and email your CV to socialenviropreneur@gmail.com by 30.06.2018.

Link to the Application Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/YgJOo4t5O3sE1SZh1>

After a careful review process, junior researchers will be notified by mid 2018 about the success of their application to the Summer School. Applications to our summer school will be assessed based on three different criteria, namely,

- the academic and professional experience with regards to the topic of the summer school,
- the relevance of the research topic for the summer school’s agenda and the quality of the application and
- the level of personal motivation.

Grants for successful applicants will be issued, which cover transportation, visa, hotel and catering. No per diem allowances will be paid. The recipients of the grants will be notified by 15th of July. We strive for a balanced representation between country of origin and between male and female applicants.

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Accommodation & Logistics

The Summer School will be held in English language and take place at the Fernhill Hotel in KwaZulu Natal and includes different field excursions, one with an overnight stay in St Lucia.

Flights, accommodation and catering will be organized and paid for by the organizers of the Summer School. Visa fees and additional transportation costs will need to be covered by the participants upfront. Reimbursements will be made at the conference venue upon the presentation of valid receipts.

Due to budget and accommodation requirements, junior researchers will share rooms with one or two other people of the same sex. In organizing this event, we will try to consider specific requests e.g. diets, specific room mates etc. as much as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have any questions and send an email to socialenviropreneur@gmail.com.

On behalf of the organizing committee!

Dr Lisa Biber-Freudenberger and Dr Janosch Förster