

World Food System Summer School

Food Systems in Transition

June 25 to July 8, 2017 | Stellenbosch, South Africa

Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a university graduate education program (Master's or PhD) or have recently graduated from one of these programs (up to 5 years since graduation).

Successful applicants will have a strong interest in food system challenges and solutions, interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration, and inter-cultural exchange, and bring relevant experience.

The course will be conducted in English.

We are running a competitive application process. This also applies to applicants from ETH Zurich and DEVIL partner universities.

Duration

The course will run for two weeks, between June 25 and July 8, 2017 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. We expect you to attend for the entire course period.

Recognition

The ETH Zurich accredits successful completion of the course with 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) points and a certificate of completion. Acknowledgment of the points in your study programs at your home institution is your own responsibility.

Fee

The course fee of 750 Swiss Francs (CHF) per student covers the cost for all board, lodging, local travel, and activities during the program, all of which are arranged by the course organizers. You are responsible for paying and organizing your visa (if required), health insurance, and your transportation to and from Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Application

To apply, you must complete and submit an online form, your curriculum vitae, a motivation letter, and a letter of recommendation to be part of this program. Please visit the following website for further details:

www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html

Your complete application must be submitted by February 6, 2017, 8 AM CET

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Our Food System Needs You

The question of how to feed the world while considering human health, the environment and social wellbeing is one of the defining challenges of our time. From changes in land use to dietary shifts, contemporary transitions in the food system have profound implications around the globe.



Join the World Food System Summer School and connect with a community of motivated and like-minded students, researchers and practitioners from around the world who are all committed to building sustainable food systems.

The 2017 summer school is hosted at the Sustainability Institute (SI) in Lynedoch Ecovillage, near Stellenbosch, South Africa. The SI is an international living and learning center dedicated to finding ways to sustain the ecosystem and foster a more equitable society.

You will:

Discuss challenges, opportunities, and innovations in food systems across disciplines, sectors and scales. Collaborate with producers, leading

research institutes, industry players, policy makers, and civil society representatives.

Learn how to apply a food systems perspective. The program will take an integrated approach that considers interactions across the food system and with its environmental, social, political, and economic boundary conditions.

Be creative and innovative. Exchange ideas and work on case studies to address contemporary challenges of the world food system as part of a diverse, interdisciplinary team.



Examine how transitions in land use and diets affect global food and nutrition security while engaging with experts in the field and building an international network.

Experience first-hand the realities of sustainable production systems.

This immersion learning experience integrates lectures, group work, case studies, workshops, excursions, art, and includes guest speakers and evening social and cultural activities. You will also have the chance to do hands-on work on the farm.

Partners and Contributors

The course involves a diverse group of contributors from academia, industry, policy, development cooperation, and civil society organizations.

Support

This World Food System Summer School is a part of the research project, Delivering Food Security on Limited Land (DEVIL). This project is led by an international and multidisciplinary consortium of researchers from eight countries. The project is generously supported by national funding bodies, coordinated through the Belmont Forum and the FACCE-JPI Initiative.



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Organizers

The course is organized by the World Food System Center at ETH Zurich, in partnership with the DEVIL research consortium. The Center works toward a vision of a healthy world through sustainable food systems. Our 39 professorial members from different departments engage in interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach together with partners from a variety of sectors.

ETH Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, is one of the leading international universities for technology and the natural sciences. It has more than 18,000 students from over 110 countries and 500 professors.

