



Student job position: Master thesis (CorpoFarm Project)

The Unit of Farm Accountancy and Advisory System is looking for a master student pursuing to write a thesis in the academic year 2020/2021 on a topic related to *CorpoFarm* project investigating the establishment and resolution of farm incorporation in Luxembourg. While an increasing number of Luxembourgish farms have turned in-and-out to corporate form of business, the moment of conversion and the drivers of the decision choice are not yet well-understood. Besides the question whether to incorporate or not is also whether the corporate form affects farmers' profits and managerial operations. Do incorporate farms operate at lower costs and be more economically viable than traditional family farms? The *CorpoFarm* project examines the trend of corporate forms using domestic farm accountancy data (1990-2018) and seeks to explain the choice and time moment of the corporate establishment. Non-experimental method is applied to unpack the relationship between the corporate form and profitability.

We offer:

- Supervision of the master thesis (3-6 month)
- Basic gross salary (i.e remunerated for the entire period)
- Developing new skills and working experience in public administration

Requirements:

- Master student status in the academic year 2020/2021
- Holding a nationality from an EU Member State
- Master in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Science, or any other study related to the master thesis topic
- Good knowledge of English, French, German and Luxembourgish is an asset
- Quantitative skills and experience with statistical programs (e.g R, Stata or SAS, MS Office)
- Team spirit and eager to learn new skills

Task description:

- Designing a survey on farm incorporation
- Dissemination of research findings
- Writing scientific publications and articles
- Organisation of farm advisory groups

The job application should be written in English including curriculum vitae, motivation statement and copy of student card, and should be sent in a single file by latest the **12th of February 2021** to Dr. Nicolas Lampach (nicolas.lampach@ser.etat.lu).