Wanted: Bright Minds with Green Ideas

Apply now for the German Federal Government's 4th Green Talents Competition

One pressing issue of high societal relevance is on the minds of young scientists all over the world: "How to raise life quality for a growing world population without wasting resources?"

The topic of sustainable development has also been top priority for the Federal Government for many years. Germany is spearheading in sustainability research which is why the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is now holding its fourth Green Talents Competition under the patronage of the Federal Minister, Professor Annette Schavan.

Young international scientists working on cutting-edge projects in research fields related to sustainable development are invited to apply for "Green Talents - The International Forum for High-Potentials in Sustainable Development". Are you interested to become one of the 25 "Green Talents" in 2012? Visit our website **www.greentalents.de** and submit your application until 10 June 2012.

Winners will be selected by a high-calibre jury of experts from academia, public institutions and industry. Which are the selection criteria to become a "Green Talent"? Relevance of the research field of the candidate and his/her scientific merits. The jury nominates excellent scientists with a research focus on e.g. renewable energies, environmental protection, urban development, mobility research or climatology.

In fall 2012, the awardees will be taken on an approximately two-week tour, visiting outstanding German research institutions and gaining first-hand insights into sustainability research in Germany. They will also have the opportunity to establish new contacts, to discuss their own research projects with experts from academia and industry, and to actively contribute to the ongoing scientific discussion – not least at the 9th BMBF Forum for Sustainability (FONA-Forum: www.fona.de/en/index.php) in Berlin.

In 2013, the "Green Talents" will be invited to spend an additional research stay of up to three months in Germany, to gain new experiences in an inspiring environment and to advance their work while establishing long-lasting relationships with partners from the German R&D landscape.

Fore more information about "Green Talents 2012" including winners and activities of previous years, please visit www.greentalents.de. Kindly note, that the deadline for applications is 10 June 2012.

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