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Call for Applications: Master of Science Programme "Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security"

The [United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security \(UNU-EHS\)](#) and the [Department of Geography of the University of Bonn \(GIUB\)](#) are pleased to announce the call for applications for the International Joint MSc Programme "Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security."

The main purpose of the 2-year Master of Science programme is to provide postgraduate students with detailed knowledge, critical understanding, strategies and the tools required to take an interdisciplinary approach towards environmental risks and human security. The Master's programme content addresses theoretical and methodological debates in geography to better understand the complex emergence of environmental risks and natural hazards and their implications for human-nature relations (vulnerability, resilience, adaptation) and how to deal with them in practice. Jointly organized by the Department of Geography and the United Nations University in Bonn, it provides a unique combination of advanced conceptual and applied engagements with the field of environmental risks and human security in an international context. An internship of at least 8 weeks is a compulsory part of the programme.

The programme's primary goals are:

- Theoretical and methodological expertise in the field of environmental risks and human security combined with practical experiences;
- Strong focus on developing countries/ Global South;
- Intercultural and interdisciplinary learning environment;
- Possibility to engage in ongoing research projects at both institutions; Close cooperation with the UN system & international organizations.

Fields of study include:

- Geographical approaches to risk, vulnerability and resilience;
- New approaches to development geography;
- Earth system science;
- Qualitative & Quantitative Methods, as well as GIS & Remote Sensing;
- Social-ecological systems, Risk & Technology;
- Risk management and governance, forecast & prediction;
- Disaster management, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and humanitarian response.

The Master programme offers great visibility and exposure to international organizations, federal agencies, academic and non-academic research organizations, as well as private companies and corporations involved in disaster risk reduction and preparedness, humanitarian aid, international relations, research on climate change, food security, spatial planning, and policy. Future career options may arise in all of these thematic fields depending on individual preferences and career goals.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: From 2017 onwards, the Joint Master's Programme is part of a selected group of international postgraduate programmes that benefits from the **EPOS** funding scheme offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Hence, we will be able to offer a certain number of fully funded scholarships to students from "developing countries" for the student intake in 2019.

Eligible candidates should fulfill the following requirements in addition to the general eligibility criteria for the Master's programme:

- Being a candidate from a "Developing Country" (according to the **DAAD classification**);
- Having at least 2 years of practical work experience (e.g. with an NGO, GO, or the private sector) in a field related to the study programme after the Bachelor's and before applying;
- Having graduated from the Bachelor no longer than 5 years ago;
- Having completed no other Master in a similar field of studies;
- Aiming at a career as a practitioner in a field related to the programme of study.

Students wishing to be considered for these scholarships need to apply for the programme as well, by filling the applications forms for the DAAD; acceptance to the former does not guarantee acceptance to the latter.

For more information on the EPOS scholarship programme please see: <https://bit.ly/2E4SfVr>.

Since its launch in October 2013, a total of 143 students from 42 different countries have been studying within the Master's programme. UNU-EHS and the Geography Department of the University of Bonn welcome applicants who possess a first degree (Bachelor) in a higher education programme in Geography or a related discipline. The ideal candidate has a strong interest or experience in working in the field of human-nature relations and risk governance in the Global South. Women and applicants from developing countries are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more detailed information about the MSc Programme, as well as information on the admission process, please consult our official **website** and **FAQ**.

For additional questions that are not covered by the FAQ please contact: master-georisk@ehs.unu.edu

The Joint Master Programme has one intake every year.

The next intake starts in October 2019.

Applications are accepted from November 5, 2018 to January 15, 2019.

Please compile the documents for your individual application as outlined on our website - section **APPLICATIONS** or **FAQ** and send it via email to **master-georisk@ehs.unu.edu**.

Complete applications must be received by January 15th, 2019, 23:59 CET (Central European Time) in Bonn, Germany.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All candidates get a notification on their application status by mid May 2019.