

1. Exchange program: why and how to apply

The ZuGAbe exchange program offers the possibility to all students and researchers from Geisenheim University and the University of Thessaly to apply for a scholarship in order to participate at research projects at the partner university. Students may conduct the research work in the framework of their thesis. All projects will focus on protected cultivation.

Research projects at the University of Thessaly in Volos will take place in the Department for Agriculture Crop Production and Rural Environment and will be **supervised** from Prof. Dr. Nikolaos Katsoulas. In Geisenheim, the supervisor will be Dr. Johannes Max from the Institute for Soil Science and Plant Nutrition of Geisenheim University.

The topic of the work will be based on aspects of protected cultivation such as the evaluation of cover materials for greenhouses and the optimization of irrigation systems and will be defined between the scholar and the supervisor.

The duration of the stay will be agreed between the scholar and the supervisor and cannot exceed the six months.

The scholarship includes 225 € travel costs plus accommodation cost in the amount of 650 up to 2000 € per month according to the status of the scholar (student, graduate, postgraduate etc.).

Requirements: all students and researchers from Geisenheim University or University of Thessaly can apply for a ZuGAbe scholarship.

The application including a curriculum vitae and a motivation letter must be sent per email at evelyn.dimkou@hg-gm.de or nkatsoul@uth.gr.

For any questions or further information about the exchange program please contact Mrs Evelyn Dimkou (project coordinator, email: evelyn.dimkou@hs-gm.de), Mr Johannes Max (project leader, email: johannes.max@hs-gm.de) or Mr Nikolaos Katsoulas (responsible for the ZuGAbe Project at the University of Thessaly in Volos, in Greece, email: nkatsoul@uth.gr).