



Establishing the Circular Economy-based livestock sector through collaborative Educational and Research activities (CEER)

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Announcement of Full-degree Master Students (up to 4 candidates)

The current livestock sector faces increased pressure to identify and utilize alternative and climate-friendly feeding resources in light of the rising human population and adverse climate change impacts. Our project entitled *Establishing the Circular Economy-based livestock sector through collaborative Educational and Research activities (CEER; Project number: 2021/10345)* aims to contribute toward self-sufficiency in the animal feed sector via joint educational and research activities between Norway and Nepal. The CEER (<https://site.nord.no/ceer/>) is a circular bioeconomy-based project led by Nord University (<https://www.nord.no/en>), Norway, in collaboration with Agriculture Forestry University (AFU) (<http://afu.edu.np/>), Nepal and Kathmandu University (<https://ku.edu.np/>), Nepal. For details, please visit the project webpage: <https://site.nord.no/ceer/>.

The project is looking for applications from outstanding candidates for full degree master studies at the Nord University, Norway (<https://www.nord.no/>). The student must fulfill admission and language requirements for master degree in at Nord University as stated on the webpage: <https://www.nord.no/en/studies/master-of-science-in-biology-and-aquaculture#&acd=StudyAdmissionRequirementsHeader>. In short, a bachelor's degree in relevant subjects with 180 ECTS or equivalent degree, for example, Agriculture, Animal Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Fisheries, Environmental sciences, Agricultural economics, Ecology, etc., with an average grade of B or better is required. In addition, students should have taken relevant courses so that they have basic knowledge of mathematics and statistics at the university level. The students must show documented proficiency in the English language. The deadline to send applications for non-EU students at Nord University is **1st December 2023**. **The students should conduct their master theses within the thematic areas of the project.** All travel costs, living expenses, and research costs will be covered by the project.

In this context, we hereby invite applications from the qualified students who graduated from universities in Nepal. Up to four qualified students will be selected, who will be involved in various educational and research activities related to the thematic areas of the project (<https://site.nord.no/ceer/>).

Application requirements:

- All **academic transcripts** including a bachelor degree in relevant subjects as mentioned above
- **Motivation letter** demonstrating how they can support the theme of the project through their master thesis research (**maximum 1 page**)
- A **complete CV** including education, work experiences, and publications (**maximum 2 page**)
- Contact details for **two referees**
- English language requirements:
 - English test certificate by **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of **580** on the written test **OR 90** (with no individual score less than **20**) on the online test. Nord University's TOEFL code is 1648, OR
 - English test certificate by **IELTS** Academic (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum score of **6.5**, OR
 - University of Cambridge First Certificate in English OR Certificate in Advanced English OR Certificate of Proficiency in English

Students from the marginalized communities such as females, disabled, minority and disadvantaged groups, etc., are highly encouraged to apply.

Application procedure:

Applications, including all required documents, must be submitted electronically at following three email addresses: ceer@afu.edu.np, ceer@ku.edu.np, and prabhat.khanal@nord.no. All documents should be submitted as a single pdf file, with the email subject line: **CEER_FULL-DEGREE_APPLICANT'S FULL NAME**.

We offer:

- Travel and living expenses in Norway
- Excellent research environment, including lab or field activities
- Master courses and specific training such as data analysis

Contact information:

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting project leaders in Nepal:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sundar Tiwari (stiwari@afu.edu.np)
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Himal Luitel (hluitel@afu.edu.np)
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Ujjal Tiwari (utiwari@afu.edu.np)
- Prof. Dr. Bed Mani Dahal (bedmani@ku.edu.np)

General information about the project can be obtained by visiting the project webpage: <https://site.nord.no/ceer/> or by contacting the project coordinator: Associate Professor Dr. Prabhat Khanal (prabhat.khanal@nord.no).

Application deadline and result announcement:

Applications must be submitted by the application deadline of **20th October 2023**. Short-listed candidates will be called for interview **within a week after the deadline**. The final results will be announced on **3rd November, 2023**.