PhD POSITION IN WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

Ph.D. POSITION, Plant Production Systems in "JARAK: the commoditization of an alternative biofuel crop in Indonesia" at the Plant Production Systems Group and Agrosystems Research Department of Plant Research International, part of Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands in cooperation with the Research Center for Bioresources and Biotechnology (IPB), Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia.

Title PhD Project: Growth, development and production of Jatropha curcas in Indonesia.

Requirements: -Master degree in plant sciences, with demonstrated interest in statistics, agro-climatics;-Excellent writing and presentation skills in English; good command of Bahasa Indonesia is desirable; -Demonstrated research experience; -Ability and willingness to carry out field research for extended periods in Indonesia; -Openness towards interdisciplinary research methods and approaches; -Ability to work in a team; -Full time availability for four years because the thesis should be finished and defended at the end of the cluster period December 2014; -Indonesian nationality.

The applicant must submit the following:
• An up-to-date curriculum vitae;
• the MS thesis or other major writing sample;
• an academic transcript;
• name and contact details of two referees;
• a short research proposal of up to three pages, including a letter of motivation.

The successful applicant will be awarded a sandwich fellowship for 4 years, with continuation dependent upon an evaluation after 12 months. The fellowship consists of a 6 month period in Wageningen at the start of the project, followed by an extended period of field work and a final period to write papers and submit the thesis in Wageningen. Details of the stipend and terms of the fellowship can be obtained on demand.