



## Announcement of a PhD Position (65%)

**We announce the opening of a PhD position (academic staff) with 65% of the regular weekly working time for a period of three years starting from 1. August 2019 at the University of Bayreuth. The remuneration is based on TV-L E13.**

The PhD position within the interdisciplinary project PROCEED (*Pathway to Renewable Off-Grid Community Energy for Development*) funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is available for application. The BMBF is funding the PROCEED project as part of the programme “Research for Sustainable Development (FONA)”, which includes the funding area “International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation (CLIENT II)”. The Research Group of Social and Population Geography at the University of Bayreuth cooperates with partners at the Ingolstadt University of Technology (sub-project “Mini-Grid-Technology”) and the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (sub-project “Mini-Grid Economics”).

As part of the sub-project “Mini-Grid Community”, the main task of the PhD project is to explore the sociocultural, sociotechnical and geographical conditions for increased electricity generation by means of hybrid mini-grids in three territorially remote regions of northern Namibia. Using interviews and participant observations in households within the selected regions as well as data collection from energy sector agencies, the doctoral research will examine the social preconditions under which existing infrastructure must be adapted to new and sustainable forms of energy supply and energy demand at the community level. For more information please contact Dr. Festus Boamah ([festus.boamah@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:festus.boamah@uni-bayreuth.de)).

Prerequisites for admission are an outstanding university degree in geography, sociology or social anthropology and the willingness to prepare a PhD thesis within the research field outlined above. In addition, teamwork and committed cooperation in an interdisciplinary research network with engineers and economists are highly expected. Proficiency in the English language is an additional advantage.

The University of Bayreuth is aiming for an increase in the proportion of women in research and teaching, and therefore, strongly urges suitably qualified female scientists to apply. Applicants with severe disabilities will preferably be employed if they provide the same qualification.

Please send your application (letter of application including one-page conceptual research idea on the research topic, CV, university and high school diploma) in one PDF file to Prof. Dr. Eberhard Rothfuß ([eberhard.rothfuss@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:eberhard.rothfuss@uni-bayreuth.de)) by **30. June 2019**.