

Trainee Position (60%) & Master's Program Plant Breeding

Trainee position at gzpk (60%/3 years) combined with a part-time online Plant Breeding Master's Program at Wageningen University

Getreidezüchtung Peter Kunz (gzpk) is one of the leading organic and biodynamic plant breeding organizations in Europe. As a non-profit association, we breed high-quality, locally adapted and climate-resilient crops for low input and organic agriculture.

Who are we looking for?

A highly motivated trainee who wants to gain practical experiences in the breeding programs for cereals and legumes at gzpk in Feldbach, Lake Zurich, Switzerland, parallel to the online Plant Breeding Master's Program at Wageningen University (NL).

Your tasks at gzpk

- Knowledge acquisition in the field of plant breeding
- Practical work in the cereal and legume field trials
- Practical work in quality analysis (lab work)
- Data analysis and management (statistics)
- Supporting the team in project management
- Co-responsibility for breeding projects from the 2nd year on
- Tailor-made projects for your internship & master thesis in 3rd year of the master

What gzpk provides

A unique opportunity for a successful combination of practical work and scientific education in plant breeding. Working in the beautiful surrounding of Lake Zurich, where a young and dynamic team is looking forward to meeting you. Additionally, to a compensation for the trainee position, gzpk will cover the tuition fees of the online master.

Combined Online Master's Plant Breeding (University Wageningen)

The online master is designed as a part-time study (20 hours/week), which gives you the possibility to combine the study with your trainee position at gzpk. The programme includes two short stays of 2 to 6 weeks in Wageningen, in order to take part in the necessary lab-practical. The course work is followed by an internship and master thesis, which will be done at gzpk in the 3rd year of the programme. The programme starts on August 31st, 2020.

Admission requirements

The application deadline for gzpk trainee position is June 15th, 2020 and for the Online Master July 1st, 2020. Applications for the gzpk trainee position and online master have to be submitted independently of each other. Acceptance by gzpk does not necessarily lead to admission to the online Master's programme and vice versa. For admission requirements of Wageningen University please see:

<https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/master/MSc-programmes/MSc-Plant-Breeding-online-master-specialisation/Application-and-Admission.htm>

Please send us your electronic application documents by June 15th to office@gzpk.ch

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