**MSc thesis and internship topics for up to six (6) students**

In the context of the [ELIA project](https://www.wur.nl/en/project/Entrepreneurial-Learning-in-Inclusive-Agribusiness-ELIA.htm), we invite up to six motivated and ambitious Master students to perform qualitative and/or quantitative research on the topic of Entrepreneurial Learning in Inclusive Agribusiness.

The research will address five interrelated questions (see figure 1) such as:

A. How can farmer entrepreneurship be understood and measured in different rural contexts of emerging economies, especially those mostly afflicted by changing climate conditions?

B. How do transactions and relationships with agribusiness companies (including partnerships) along agri-food value chain influence farmer entrepreneurship?

C. How do community and household dynamics, including social norms and values, influence farmer entrepreneurship, especially among youth and women?

D. How do business development trainings (e.g., farmer/farm business school modules) stimulate, fail to stimulate, or unwittingly hamper farmer entrepreneurship?

E. How do community development trainings and interventions stimulate, fail to stimulate, or unwittingly hamper farmer entrepreneurship, especially among youth and women?

**Figure 1: The overarching** [**ELIA project**](https://www.wur.nl/en/project/Entrepreneurial-Learning-in-Inclusive-Agribusiness-ELIA.htm)**’s conceptual framework**

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The most likely geographical locations for data collection will involve Tanzania in Eastern Africa, or Myanmar or the Philippines in South-East Asia. In these places, our project partners at [ILRI](http://www.ilri.org/), [ICRAF](http://worldagroforestry.org/) and [CIAT](https://ciat.cgiar.org/) are conducting field projects that will provide the empirical ground for your study. In case of internships, these organizations will represent your host company. If you research proposal is promising, the ELIA project will provide seed funding to support your international travel and data collection.

Please reach out to Dr. Domenico Dentoni (domenico.dentoni@wur.nl) if you wish to explore these research topics further.