ICRAF’s world class scientists work very closely with the students during their field research to operationalize their research, choose and apply appropriate data collection methods, analyze the data and write and defend their dissertations and theses.

The purpose of this poster is to highlight ICRAF-EU collaboration on developing research capacity of MS and PhD students, and providing field experience to undergraduate students through internships.

ICRAF attracts a huge number of research students annually
Between 2012 and 2016, ICRAF in collaboration with its partner academic institutions trained a total of 374 graduate research students. Of these students, 108 were PhD and 266 were MS. Overall, the number of male students was slightly higher than female students. While male students were twice the number of female students at PhD level, female students outnumbered male students at MS level.

ICRAF and its EU partners invest in research capacity development
ICRAF’s projects and partnership arrangements over these five years have contributed over US$3.7 million, or on average over US$0.75 million annually, towards scholarships and other field research expenses to enable students conduct world class field/lab research or gain practical experience to outcompete their peers who do not avail such opportunities.

Summary
ICRAF offers excellent field research locations in about 30 countries globally, over 200 world-class research staff to supervise students, and state-of-the-art research labs at its serene campus at Nairobi for land health analysis, genomics, dendrochronology, geo-spatial analysis and tree physiology. This makes ICRAF an ideal location for research students and academic institutions in European and other developed countries on issues around tree genetic resources, agroforestry systems, land restoration, health assessment and mapping, and environmental services in healthy and productive landscapes in the face of climate change.