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AGRI-FOOD-HEALTH HUB

The Hohenheim Food System Research Hub

Six research priorities for transforming food systems:

- **Design nutrition solutions** that put health first
- **Build agricultural systems** that withstand change
- **Harness digital technologies** and system modelling for better decisions
- **Drive societal change** through effective governance and transformation
- **Pioneer resource-efficient, circular solutions**
- **Connect genotype to phenotype** to develop better-performing crops and food systems

>100
chairs
across all
3 faculties!



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FOOD SYSTEMS MASTER

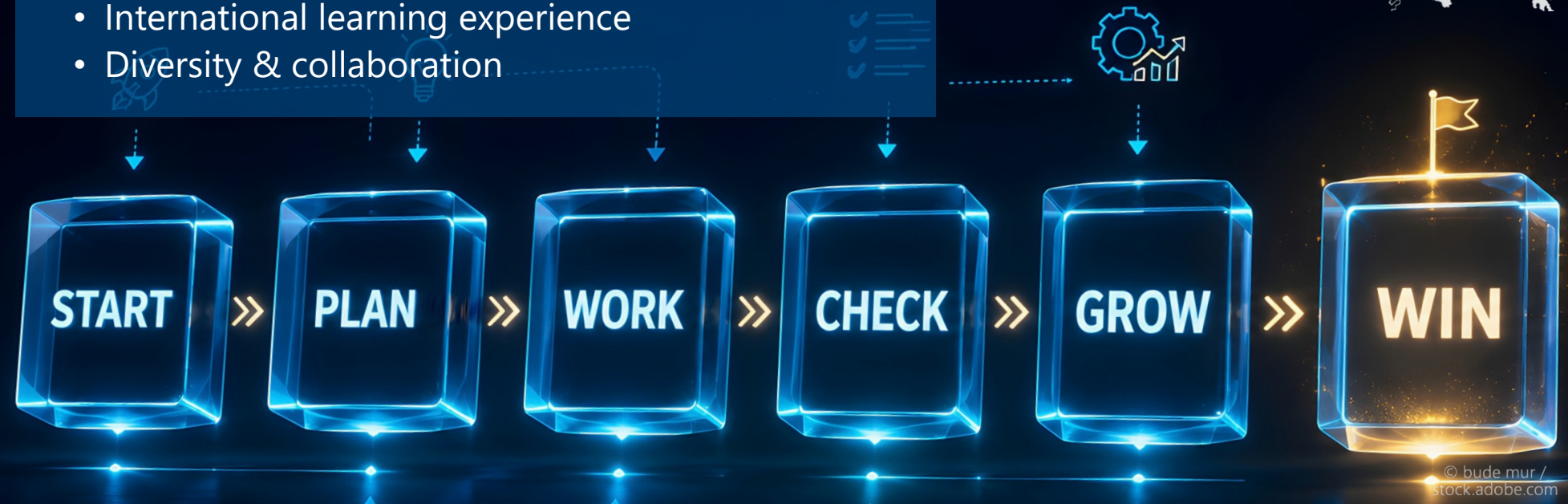
A New Breed of Food Entrepreneur

Master in Food Systems

- Entrepreneurial & innovation mindset (modules)
- System thinking
- International learning experience
- Diversity & collaboration



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INNOGREENHOUSE HOHENHEIM

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Transforming science into sustainable startups and innovation and promoting solution-oriented thinking



University of Hohenheim ranks in the Top 3 among mid-sized universities in Germany.

*InnoGreenhouse Hohenheim | Source: Stifterverband, Gründungsradar 2025 (Kessler, Kürzel, Thurmman, Traeger). Data refer to 2023. Ranking among universities within the size class of 5,000–15,000 students. Building blocks 6 and 7 are weighted by 0.5 in the total score.



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