

Postdoc position in Animal Ecology (m/w/d) (University of Würzburg)

“Pollinator Ecology”

We offer a Research Scientist (Postdoc) position at the *Department for Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology, Biocenter, University of Würzburg, Germany* for three years with possible extension. The position builds upon long-term research activities of the group on the ecology of wild bees and hoverflies in the context of land-use and climate change and landscape-scale effects. The successful candidate (i) will analyse existing data sets on pollinator diversity, community dynamics and plant-pollinator interactions as well as data sets from large-scale experiments with below- and above-ground nesting bees, and (ii) will have the opportunity to develop own research activities. A further goal is to provide science-based recommendations on which combinations of existing and new agri-environmental schemes and conservation measures can be used to make agricultural landscapes more pollinator-friendly.

The candidate is expected to hold a PhD degree in Ecology or a similar discipline with a background in bee ecology. Further requirements are a very good knowledge of ecological statistics (using R), very good writing and communication skills, ability to work independently and self-motivated, and the willingness to supervise BSc, MSc and PhD students.

Other valuable skills are practical experience in using GIS and DNA-metabarcoding of pollen or insect samples, and German language skills. We offer the membership in an ambitious research team, modern facilities, an international research environment and the opportunity to cooperate in ongoing and shape emerging research programs.

Salary and benefits are according to public service positions in Germany (TVL, full position. The position is suitable for part-time employment). Female scientists are particularly encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants will be preferentially considered in case of equivalent qualification. Earliest possible start date is **15th September 2023**.

Applications

Please send your application as a single pdf file per-email to ingolf.steffan@uni-wuerzburg.de and andrea.holzschuh@uni-wuerzburg.de latest until **1st July 2023**. Applications should include a cover letter, a short summary of research interests, CV, complete certificates, and the names (with email addresses) of two potential referees.

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