

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) is one of the largest universities in Germany. Thanks to its location in the Rhine-Main science region, the university can exploit its full potential and showcase its dynamic innovative power. Its status as a comprehensive university allows for multidisciplinary learning and teaching, in turn paving the way for internationally renowned, interdisciplinary research. Almost all of its faculties and departments are located on a single campus close to the Mainz city center, creating a lively academic culture for researchers, teaching staff, and students from all over the world.

The **Institute of Organismic and Molecular Evolution (iomE)** at the Faculty of Biology invites applications for the position of a

## University Professor of Life History Evolution

beginning at the earliest date possible.

**Salary grade W 3 LBesG | Civil servant (tenured)**

We are seeking an internationally renowned scientist in the field of life history evolution. The successful candidate's research shall bridge empirical and theoretical approaches and may focus on the evolution of reproductive strategies, life span or aging. Our new colleague should work with our recently established international community of evolutionary biologists at the iomE and play a major role in a planned collaborative research initiative on the genetic basis and evolution of life histories.

The successful candidate will receive departmental positions and start-up funds and will be expected to establish an independent and internationally visible research program sustained by third party funding. Examples of further cooperation opportunities include: Institute of the Institute of Quantitative and Computational Biosciences [iqcb.uni-mainz.de](http://iqcb.uni-mainz.de), the Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB) as well as collaborative research centres (e.g. CRC 1361 DNA Repair & Genome Stability; CRC 1551 Polymer Concepts in Cellular Function), the Research Training Group GenEvo (Gene regulation in Evolution), and profile areas such as ReALity (Resilience - Adaptation - Longevity) or the Centre of Healthy Aging (further details here). The Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre and the LOEWE Centre for Translational Biodiversity Genomics offer further collaboration opportunities within the Rhine Main region.

Finally, the successful candidate will teach courses in evolutionary and quantitative biology at JGU, including in

the newly established master's program in Evolutionary Biology. We seek to increase the number of courses taught in English. Participation in academic service is expected.

### Requirements:

- In addition to the general requirements according to public services law, applicants must meet the recruitment requirements stipulated in Section 49 of the *Hochschulgesetz* of Rhineland-Palatinate.
- In addition to the doctorate, a demonstration of excellent academic achievements is required.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and JGU are committed to close personal mentoring of students and expect teaching staff to have a strong presence on campus. A cooperative, team-oriented and proactive work attitude, strong communication skills, and the willingness to assume responsibility – including further professional development in accordance with JGU's leadership guidelines – is also expected.

### Commitments of JGU:

JGU firmly supports making family and career compatible and promotes its employees' further professional development. JGU welcomes qualified applications from people from diverse backgrounds. JGU aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and therefore encourages female researchers to apply. Candidates with disabilities and appropriate qualifications will be given priority.

Please upload your complete application information and documents (CV, references, diplomas and certificates, as well as lists of publications and teaching activities, funding record, current research and future research plans, teaching concept) no later than **January 10 2025** via our portal with the following link:

<https://berufungsportal.uni-mainz.de/datenabfrage/LifeHistoryEvolution>

The interview symposium is tentatively planned for March/April 2025. For questions and further information, please contact the chairperson of the search committee **Prof. Hanna Kokko** ([hkokko@uni-mainz.de](mailto:hkokko@uni-mainz.de)).

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