

Position Opening

The Chair of Global Change Ecology at the Biocenter of the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU), Germany, is inviting applications for a

Postdoctoral researcher or an Akademischer Rat auf Zeit (m/f/d) in global change ecology of insects

The position will be available to start as soon as possible and will be fixed term for an initial period of three years with the possibility of an extension of another three years. Provided that the requirements are met, remuneration will be based on the collective agreement for the public service of German federal states (*Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder, TV-L*) or, if applicable, on the respective civil servant paygrade (Akademischer Rat auf Zeit, A 13). The position is full-time, but candidates wishing to work part-time may also be considered.

The position will be based at the recently established Department for Global Change Ecology where we do research and teaching on biodiversity under global change. A key task of the successful applicant is envisioned to be the collection of experimental data, e.g. on the physiology and dispersal of insects and the integration of this information with data from different biological and geographical disciplines (e.g. biogeography, ecology, climatology, eco-morphology...). The taxonomic focus could be set on the orders of Orthoptera, Odonata and/or Lepidoptera, and you should be willing to do integrative work, including experiments, fieldwork, and data analysis/modelling, but the exact research profile will be flexible, depending on your interests, skills, and experience.

Your duties/responsibilities:

- Integrative research on the responses of species and biodiversity of insects to the interacting drivers of climate and land-use change
- Teaching in global change ecology (5 SWS = 5 weekly contact teaching hours during the semester)
- (Co-)supervision of BSc and MSc thesis
- Acquisition of third-party funding
- Support in organizational issues of the department
- Provision of additional scientific services

Qualifications:

- MSc and PhD degree in biology, environmental sciences, geography or a related discipline, preferably with an ecological, physiological, or biogeographical focus
- Strong motivation to conduct innovative research and teaching on biodiversity under global change
- Experience and interest in experimental and/or field-based work with insects
- Very good ecological and zoological knowledge, ideally in at least one of the fields of global change ecology, entomology, physiology, macroecology, biogeography
- Willingness to combine data and approaches from different biological and geographical (sub)disciplines
- Excellent experience in statistical analyses and programming in R, as well as in scientific writing and communication
- Experience in teaching and supervision is beneficial
- Strong ability and willingness to work in a team and motivation to help build a new, vibrant research and teaching environment

What we offer:

- To become part of an international and collaborative team with modern facilities
- Opportunity to build your individual research profile
- Networking possibilities with different national and international collaboration partners
- A healthy work environment, including flexible working hours and options to work from home
- Access to the support systems of the University
- Regular participation in international conferences, retreats or workshops
- An attractive workplace on a growing campus with good infrastructure

The JMU aims to reduce the underrepresentation of women and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration in the case of broadly equal suitability, ability and professional achievements. The JMU attaches great importance to intensive support for students and doctoral candidates and expects a corresponding level of commitment from teachers.

Your application should be prepared as **one single pdf-file** including (1) a motivation letter with a short outline of research ideas you would like to pursue if you get the position (2 pages max!), (2) a detailed CV and publication record, (3) a copy of your most important publication, (4) contact information of two referees, (5) exam certificates.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Christian Hof, head of the Chair of Global Change Ecology (christian.hof@uni-wuerzburg.de, +49 931 31 87965).

Your application should be sent, **preferably by email**, to:

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The closing date for applications is **20 November 2023**.



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