

At the **Faculty of Biology**, the research group Conservation Ecology, Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig, offers one third-party funded position for a

Research assistant (PhD student)

The position is offered for a period of 4 years, if no former times of qualification must be considered. The starting date is as soon as possible (expected 01.11.2021). The position is part-time (65 % of regular working hours) with salary and benefits commensurate with a public service position in the state Hesse, Germany (TV-H E 13, 65 %).

The positions will be part of the German Research Foundation (DFG)-funded project „ Dynamics of seedling recruitment and tree seedling-herbivore interactions during forest recovery“ within the Research Unit 5207 „Reassembly of species interaction networks - Resistance, resilience and functional recovery of a rainforest ecosystem“ (reassembly.de). The successful candidate will monitor seedling recruitment and seedling-herbivore interactions across a forest recovery chronosequence. To achieve this, comprehensive and spatially explicit ecological and chemical analyses of the tree seedlings and their interactions are needed. Extensive field work will be conducted in the Chocó rainforest study area in Ecuador.

The position is limited to a time period deemed adequate for the completion of a doctoral degree. As part of the assigned duties, there will be ample opportunity to conduct the independent scientific research necessary for the completion of a doctorate. The limitation complies to § 2, 1 WissZeitVG.

The successful applicant will hold an MSc-degree or equivalent in Conservation, Ecology or a related relevant discipline and will have an interest and, preferably, practical experience in ecological field research and/or chemical analyses as well as GIS and statistical data analysis (preferably with R). Zoological and botanical expertise is expected. Previous experience in the tropics is desirable. Further requirements include a creative, analytical and critical mindset, the ability to work independently and to further develop the project. The position further requires a good physical condition, good communication skills, the willingness to carry out field campaigns in remote rainforest areas of Ecuador for extended periods of time and to guide field assistants and students, good German and English oral and writing skills and a driving license category B. Spanish skills are beneficial. The willingness for further scientific qualification (e.g. a PhD project within the field of ecology) is expected.

Further information is available from Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig at farwig@uni-marburg.de.

We actively support the professional development of junior researchers, e.g. by the offers of Marburg Research Academy (MARA), the International Office, the Higher Education Didactics Office and the Human Resources Development Office.

We support women and strongly encourage them to apply. In areas where women are underrepresented, female applicants will be preferred in case of equal qualifications. Applicants with children are welcome - Philipps-University is certified as a family-friendly university. Sharing a full-time position (§ 8 Abs. 2 S. 1 HGlG) as well as a reduction of working time is possible. Applicants with a disability as described in SGB IX (§ 2 Abs. 2, 3) will be preferred in case of equal qualifications. Application and interview costs can not be refunded.

Please send your application mentioning the registration number fb17-0014-wmz-2021 to the Department of Biology, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Conservation Ecology, Ms. Yvonne Überall, Karl-von-Frisch-Str. 8, 35043 Marburg or in a PDF-file to seknatur@biologie.uni-marburg.de. Deadline is 25.06.2021.