

Job offer ref. #09-17002

The Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung (SGN) is a member of the Leibniz Association and is based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. SGN conducts natural history research with almost 800 employees and research institutions in six federal states with its main headquarters in Frankfurt am Main. The SGN also administers the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Grube Messel".

For the DFG project "Landscape genetics of insect-pollinated forest herbs in changing agricultural landscapes", the Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung invites applications for a

Researcher Position / PhD Position
(65%)

The SGN is searching for a talented and motivated applicant (m/f) to join the Ecology Section at the Senckenberg Deutsches Entomologisches Institut (SDEI) in cooperation with the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) in the context of this DFG-funded project. The successful candidate will join a highly motivated team of entomologists, landscape ecologists, and molecular ecologists in studying the insect pollinators and plants of forest fragments along a European gradient.

The position entails the possibility to conduct research towards a doctoral degree with the thesis' working title "The role of pollinators for the gene flow among fragmented forest herb populations in changing agricultural landscapes".

Your task:

- Conducting field and molecular lab work
- Contributing to the identification and collection of specimens from selected groups (Hymenoptera-Aculeata, Diptera-Syrphidae, forest plant species)
- Conducting plant and pollinator experiments
- Analysis of landscape, population genetic, and species data
- Contributing to the public outreach of the project

Your profile:

- M.Sc./University Diploma in Biology or related field (Ecology, Entomology, Botany, Conservation)
- Taxonomic skills in a specific group of insects (preferably within Hymenoptera-Aculeata, Diptera-Syrphidae), and good general knowledge of central European insects
- Experience with molecular lab work, especially microsatellite markers preferable
- Good computer skills preferable including at least basic GIS knowledge, statistical skills, R
- Willingness to work both in the field and in the molecular lab
- Outstanding command of spoken and written German and English
- Driving license

Salary and benefits are according to public service position in Germany (TV-L E13, 65%). The position will start on **February 1st, 2018 and will be limited to January 31th, 2021**. The Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung supports equal opportunity of men and women and therefore strongly invites women to apply. Equally qualified handicapped applicants will be given preference. The place of employment will be Müncheberg, Germany.

Are you interested? Please send your application **before November 15th, 2017** by e-mail (attachment in a single PDF file), mentioning the reference of this position (ref.#09-17002) and including a cover letter detailing your research interests and experience, a detailed CV, your full credentials, names of two references, and a copy of your Master/Diploma degree to:

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