



## The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)

is inviting applicants for the position as  
University Professor  
(according to § 99 (4) UG) of

### **Socio-ecological metabolism**

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Department of Economics and Social Sciences, seeks to appoint a University Professor of Socio-ecological metabolism starting with 1st January 2021.

The position is filled in accordance with § 99 (4) Universities Act 2002, as well as the development plan of the University and the agreement with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research. The position is located at the Department of Economics and Social Sciences. The appointment will be a six-year (§ 109 UG) employment with the option for an extension after a positive evaluation.

The application for this position requires an employment with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna as “Universitätsdozent\*in” in accordance with § 94 (2) 2, Universities Act 2002, or as Associated Professor in accordance with § 27 (5) Universities Collective Contract.

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, the “Alma Mater Viridis”, is the University of Sustainability and Life Sciences. It is BOKU's task to make a key contribution to the conservation and protection of resources for future generations through its wide variety of expertise. Combining natural sciences, engineering plus social and economic sciences, its aim is to increase knowledge of the ecologically and economically sustainable use of natural resources. With 11,000 students and 2,900 staff members, BOKU is one of Europe's leading life science universities.

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences does research and teaching in sustainable use of natural resources focussing on its social and economic dimension. The new professorship in Socio-ecological metabolism is intended to strengthen research on the material and energetic exchange relationships between society and its natural environment. It should promote sustainable development (socio-ecological metabolism) and is expected to contribute to the BOKU competence field “Resources and Social Dynamics”.

The applicants are expected to have experience in research and teaching in the field of social ecology with emphasis on societal or socio-ecological metabolism. We are looking for applicants with experience in leading research teams, excellent results in the acquisition of third-party funds and with an excellent high-ranking publication record. They are expected to have teaching experience and to provide courses for the Bachelor's and Master's programmes in Environmental and Bioresource Management. In addition, the contribution to the establishment of a doctoral programme in the field of Social Ecology is expected.

#### Job specification:

- Affiliation to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna as 1) “Universitätsdozent\*in” with a definitive employment relationship in accordance with §§ 170 ff BDG or §§ 55 ff VBG (official title: “Außerordentliche\*r Universitätsprofessor\*in”) or as 2) Associate Professor in accordance with § 27 (5, 6) Uni-KV.
- Relevant experience and competence in teaching, guidance in scientific work, as well as the supervision of junior scientists (PhD students). The candidate is expected to submit a teaching portfolio.
- Teaching in German and English.



- Subject-specific research experience of national and international reputation, as well as ability to network. Excellent publication achievements in the scientific field.
- Sound research experience outside BOKU is desired.
- Experience in the successful acquisition, execution and management of research projects.
- Cooperation with national and international research institutions and with relevant partners from public services and business.
- Management and interpersonal skills, communication and team skills.
- Willingness to participate in public relations.
- Willingness to participate in relevant focus and cooperation programs of the University.
- Willingness to participate in the self-governance of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

For more information about this position, please contact the head of the Institute of Social Ecology, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christoph Görg, [christoph.goerg@boku.ac.at](mailto:christoph.goerg@boku.ac.at).

Please send your application in German or English by email to [rektorat@boku.ac.at](mailto:rektorat@boku.ac.at) and one hard copy no later than **30th November 2020** (date on postage stamp) to the Rectorate of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Vienna, Austria.

Please include the following documents with your application:

- CV including details of professional, teaching and research activities (incl. presentation of teaching portfolios – further information is available in German at [http://www.boku.ac.at/fileadmin/data/H05000/H17100/Qualifizierungsvereinbarung/Lehrportfolio\\_-\\_Leitfaden\\_zur\\_Erstellung.pdf](http://www.boku.ac.at/fileadmin/data/H05000/H17100/Qualifizierungsvereinbarung/Lehrportfolio_-_Leitfaden_zur_Erstellung.pdf))
- List of publications (referenced / not referenced), presentations and projects
- Copies of 5 recent publications that you consider particularly important
- Draft concept for research and teaching; presentation of planned research priorities (max. 4 pages A4)
- Brief explanation of why you believe yourself to be particularly suitable for this position (max. 1 page A4)

By submitting the application, you also agree to the participation of an external recruitment consultant in the selection process.

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna is seeking to increase the number of its female faculty members and therefore, qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. Women are given priority when qualifications are equal, except in cases where there are outweighing factors concerning another candidate.

The employment contract is classified as group A1 of the collective contract for university employees. An overpayment of the minimum gross monthly salary of 5.245,80 Euro (14 times per year) is foreseen.

Further information on this position, on BOKU and the department can be found on the web: <https://boku.ac.at/wiso>