



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

Functional Ecology of Mountain Forests

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Department of Forest and Soil Sciences, seeks to appoint a University Professor of Functional Ecology of Mountain Forests starting 01.03.2023.

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 Forest and Soil 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 as “Universitätsdozent*in” (in accordance with §94(2) 2., Universities Act 2002, or Associated Professor in accordance with §27 (Uni-KV - 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 Forest and Soil Sciences carries out teaching and research of forest ecosystems, forest management, technical aspects of forest utilization and soil use and protection. The Department is composed of six institutes covering soil research, forest ecology, silviculture, forests growth, forest engineering, and forest entomology, pathology and protection. The Institute of Forest Ecology carries out research at scales ranging from ecophysiological processes within single organisms to forest dynamics at landscape scales. A focus of the institute is linking plant functioning and soil processes to better understand ecosystem functioning, and secure ecosystem services under current and future environmental conditions.

The professorship should address ecological patterns and processes in mountain forests. The research interests of the candidate should be in one or more of the following fields: ecology of the root-soil interface, tree regeneration ecology, biodiversity-ecosystem-function relationships, effects of disturbance on mountain forest ecosystems. The focus of the new §99(4)-professorship, should be an approach addressing the role of organisms in ecological processes in mountain forests.

The applicant is expected to teach in the Bachelor level courses Forestry, and Environmental and Bioresource Management, and the Masters level courses Forest Sciences, and Mountain Forestry.

Job specification:

- Affiliation to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna 1) as “Universitätsdozent*in” i.e. with a definitive employment relationship in accordance with § 170ff BDG or § 55ff VBG (official title: “Außerordentliche*r Universitätsprofessor*in”) and 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, national and international reputation, as well as ability to network.
- Sound research experience outside BOKU is expected
- Excellent publication achievements in the scientific field
- 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 including gender and diversity management skills, communication and team skills.
- Participation in public relations.
- Participation in relevant focus and cooperation programs of the University.
- Participation in the self-governance of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken German and English or willingness to learn German in the first two years.

For more information about this position, please contact the Head of Department, Univ.Prof. DI Dr. Karl Stampfer, karl.stampfer@boku.ac.at.

Please send your application in English by email to rektorat@boku.ac.at and one hard copy no later than Feb 3rd 2023 (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:

- Brief explanation of why you believe yourself to be particularly suitable for this position (max. 1 page A4)
- CV including ORCID and details of professional, teaching and research activities (incl. presentation of teaching portfolios – further information is available in German at <http://short.boku.ac.at/lehrportfolio>)
- Draft concept for research and teaching; presentation of planned research priorities (max. 4 pages A4)
- List of publications (referenced / not referenced), presentations and projects
- Copies of 5 recent publications that you consider particularly important

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 yearly salary of 76.127,80 Euro is foreseen.

More information on this position and about BOKU and the department can be found on the website: <https://boku.ac.at/en/>