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Job offer: Post-Graduate Position in Forest Genetics

Full Time (40h/w) – Limited for 3 years – Schönbrunn (Vienna), Austria

in the **Unit of Ecological Genetics at the Department for Forest Biodiversity and Nature Conservation** of the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW), Vienna.

We are seeking an experienced and highly motivated Post-Graduate researcher in the field of ecological genetics research to join our growing team of scientists and practitioners. This is a unique opportunity to work in a collaborative environment with a dynamic team engaged in the conservation genetics of forest tree species.

Your responsibilities

The researcher will take part and lead tasks in several new projects funded by the Austrian Forest Fund. The three-year projects' aim in general is the study of adaptability and adaptedness of tree provenances from south-eastern Europe in central Europe, as well as the development of methods for improved management of oak and fir seed orchards in Austria. The job profile includes the organization and sample collection from oak species and sycamore maple in south-eastern Europe, the planning and installment of novel field trials, performance of pollination and fertilization experiments in oak and fir seed orchards, scientific data analysis and publication, as well as project management duties (reporting, coordination with stakeholders, etc.).

Your profile

The research projects will be carried out at the Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW) in collaboration with a scientific board. The successful candidate is expected to disseminate research findings in peer-reviewed journals, as well as through public engagements and other scientific platforms.

- M.Sc. degree or equivalent experience in forestry, ecology, conservation genetics, or a field related to biodiversity with strong knowledge in biological sciences and (forest) genetics
- Experience with basic research principles and methods, applied statistics, data acquisition, and publishing of results
- High level of self-organization and willingness to work in a team
- Knowledge of conservation genetics of forest tree species, tree breeding, and biodiversity in general
- Knowledge of one or more languages spoken in the project area is also favorable (e.g., Serbo-Croatian, Hungarian, and Romanian). Physical fitness and enthusiasm to work in the field



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Others

Located close to Schönbrunn Palace in the city of Vienna, our scientists and staff are committed to creating a workplace culture that respects and celebrates diversity and values the well-being of all employees. This is a 40 hour, 3-years term position beginning 1st of September or until the position is filled. The gross monthly salary is at least EUR 2.959,50 based on salary scale for federal employees in evaluation group v1/1.

Reference is made to § 43 in conjunction with § 11b and § 11c of the Federal Equal Treatment Act, according to which women who are equally qualified as male applicants will be given preference when the position is entrusted.

If we have raised your interest, please send **your application including a cover letter detailing your motivation, your CV and contact information for three references by July 31, 2021** to the

Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape, 1130 Vienna, Seckendorff-Gudent-Weg 8 via e-mail to: heino.konrad@bfw.gv.at.

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