

Postdoc position in Animal Ecology (m/w/d) (University of Würzburg)

“Honey bee and bumble bee ecology”

We offer a Research Scientist (Postdoc) position at the *Department for Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology, Biocenter, University of Würzburg, Germany* for three years with possible extension for further three years. The position builds upon long-term research activities of the group on the ecology of honey bees and bumble bees in the context of land use and climate change and combined risks by pesticides, parasites, and loss of floral resources. The successful candidate (i) will analyse existing data sets on community dynamics, biotic interactions, and seasonal timing of social bees and on environmental risk assessment in honey bees, (ii) will initiate new projects and (iii) contribute to teaching.

The candidate is expected to hold a PhD degree in Ecology or a similar discipline with a background in bee ecology. Further requirements are a very good knowledge of ecological statistics (using R) and experimental designs, very good writing and communication skills, ability to work independently and self-motivated, interest to work in interdisciplinary projects, and the willingness to teach undergraduate students and to supervise BSc, MSc and PhD students. Further valued skills are practical experience in beekeeping, DNA-metabarcoding of pollen samples, bee parasites and pathogens, and GIS/landscape ecology. We offer the membership in an ambitious research team, modern facilities and an international research environment.

Salary and benefits are according to public service positions in Germany (TVL, full position. The position is suitable for part-time employment). Female scientists are particularly encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants will be preferentially considered in case of equivalent qualification.

Earliest possible start date is **1st December 2019**.

Applications

Please send your application as a single pdf file per-email to ingolf.steffan@uni-wuerzburg.de and michaela.jaeger@uni-wuerzburg.de latest until **31th October 2019**. Applications should include a cover letter, a short summary of research interests, CV, complete certificates, and the names (with email addresses) of two potential referees.

For further information, please contact

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