

External Announcement Reg.-No. 5-3009/21-D

At the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Natural Sciences Faculty I, Institute of Biology, in the group General Zoology starting on 15.05.2021 we have a 3 year position for a

Scientific Co-Worker (PhD position) (m-f-d)

The salary is according to national norms i.e. 13 TV-L (65%).

Project tasks:

We are looking for a research associate (PhD candidate) for a research project on interactions between bees, parasites and organic agriculture in the research group of Prof. Robert Paxton (http://www.zoologie.uni-halle.de/allgemeine_zoologie/research/). The goal of the project is to understand the relationships between pathogens, bee health, and land use. The position holder will participate in the BMEL-funded research project "ComBee". The research work includes field experiments in association with the team of Prof. Catrin Westphal at the University of Göttingen as well as molecular genetic studies on bees and their viral pathogens. Interest and experience in host-parasite relationships or population genetics of bees are desired. Furthermore, we anticipate the candidate to be engaged in the preparation of publications as well as the supervision of BSc and MSc students. The possibility to undertake a PhD is given and explicitly desired. The taxonomic focus is on bees.

Requirements:

- BSc/MSc in Biology or related subject
- Knowledge of honey bee and wild bee biology and their population genetics
- Experience in designing and carrying our experiments with insects in the field
- Experience in or knowledge of virology
- Excellent skills in speaking and writing in English
- Good quantitative skills as well as social competence when working in a group

Applications from severely disabled persons will be given preferential treatment if they are equally suitable and qualified. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

For questions, contact Prof. Robert Paxton, Tel.: +49 345 55-26500, E-Mail: robert.paxton@zoologie.uni-halle.de

Applications should mention **Registration Number 5-3009/21-D** in a cover letter explaining your interest in the PhD position and be submitted with the usual certificates **by 07/04/2021** to the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät I, Institut für Biologie, Bereich Zoologie, AG Allgemeine Zoologie, Herrn Prof. Dr. R. Paxton, 06099 Halle (Saale), Germany, and preferably electronically to the above email address (as a single PDF file).

The position is subject to possible budgetary restrictions.

Application costs will not be reimbursed by Martin Luther University. Application documents will only be returned if a sufficiently stamped envelope is enclosed. An electronic application is preferred.