

The Chair of Conservation Biology and Forest Ecology at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU), Germany, is inviting applications for a

Researcher Position

The position will be available to start as soon as possible and will be fixed term for an initial period of three years. The position is part time (0.65 FTE) and will be based at the Junior Professorship for Applied Biodiversity Sciences. Remuneration will be based on the Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder (collective agreement for the public service of German federal states, TV-L).

We combine basic ecological research with application-relevant questions and thus build a bridge between ecology, society and politics. The successful applicant will work within the project UrbanPART, which investigates the phenology of arthropods on urban greenspaces in Würzburg and its surroundings (<https://www.biozentrum.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/station/projects/urbanpart/>).

The successful applicant will be predominantly involved in the following tasks:

- Analysing existing ecological data from the project UrbanPART with a special focus on the functional and taxonomic diversity as well as the phenology of arthropods; and their interaction with vegetation parameters, management of the sites and the surrounding landscape.
- Preparation and presentation of results for both a scientific audience and the general public,
- Planning and conducting additional data collection on urban greenspaces,
- Supervision of student helpers or student projects.

The following qualifications are required:

- A university degree (MSc) in biology, ecology, conservation or a similar discipline,
- A strong interest to work in interdisciplinary teams and to engage with stakeholders,
- A very good knowledge of ecological statistics (using R),
- Experience with field work,
- Very good written and verbal communication skills,
- The ability to work independently and a high degree of self-motivation.

Other desired skills are practical experience with GIS, a very good knowledge of arthropod or plant species and German language skills (or the willingness to learn German).

The position is intended to serve the qualification of young academics and offers the opportunity to pursue a doctorate. The faculty of Biology and the University of Würzburg offer structured Graduate School programmes and additional courses to improve your scientific and soft skills.

We offer the opportunity to work as part of a young and cooperative research team, modern facilities and the opportunity to work in an international research environment. We attach great importance to providing a healthy and family-friendly work environment including flexible working hours, the option to work from home, Kids-Boxes and access to the support systems of the University.

The JMU aims to reduce the underrepresentation of women and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration in the case of broadly equal suitability, ability and professional achievements.

Please send your convincing application and supporting documents – preferably by email as a single pdf file – to Prof. Dr. Nadja Simons (nadja.simons@uni-wuerzburg.de); Applied Biodiversity Sciences; Universität Würzburg; Emil-Hilb-Weg 22; – Hubland Nord –; 97074 Würzburg, Germany. The **closing date** for applications is **31.10.2025**. For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Simons via email or phone (+49 931 31-80258).

Please do not send any original documents to us; only send photocopies. As we need to save costs, we will not be able to return your documents to you. They will be shredded shortly after a hiring decision has been made. If you enclose a postage-paid return envelope, we will return your application documents to you three months after a hiring decision has been made.