

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

## Researcher Position

in the field of forest ecology. The contract will start on **1 April 2026** at the earliest and will be for a fixed period of 36 month. The position will be part time (65%).

Remuneration will be based on the collective agreement for the public service of German federal states (*Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder, TV-L*).

The place of employment will be Würzburg.

The position is embedded in the DFG-funded project “Forest Gaps and Habitat Specialists – The Influence of Canopy Openings and Deadwood Management on Insect Communities” and is part of the Biodiversity Exploratories consortium. The aim of the project is to analyse insect communities and their responses to different forest structural conditions.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of field research to assess insect communities in the three Biodiversity Exploratories Hainich, Schorfheide-Chorin, and Swabian Alb. In addition, the position involves the development and maintenance of a catalogue of molecular insect data and the assignment of these data to species-specific habitat requirements, in close collaboration with a data manager.

Further responsibilities include the analysis and publication of research results in international peer-reviewed journals, as well as communication and collaboration with project partners and other relevant stakeholders.

### The following qualifications are required:

- A university degree in ecology or biology (with a focus on zoology or ecology)
- Experience in terrestrial ecology and data collection in the field
- A knowledge of statistics and experience working with R are considered an asset
- Relevant English language skills
- As the position involves conducting fieldwork, candidates must have a driving licence and a car (Reimbursement of expenses based on a flat rate per kilometer.) if the company car is not available.

The position is intended to serve the qualification of young academics and offers the opportunity to pursue a doctorate. 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.

The closing date for applications is **15 February 2026**. Please submit your convincing application and supporting documents - preferably by email in one single PDF file - to [oekologische-station@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:oekologische-station@uni-wuerzburg.de).

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