

Job announcement

In the Faculty 10 Biology, Zoological Institute, Department of Evolutionary Biology at the University of Mainz is looking for an Assistant Professor/ Junior group leader (Akademischer Rat at a University / Bes.Gr. A 13 BBesG)

Field: Evolutionary Genomics / Behavioral Genomics from April 15th 2015 on.

The contract is initially for 3 years with the possibility of extension to up to a total of nine years depending on previous employment at German universities (12-year rule). In case the prerequisites of civil service law are not fulfilled, an engagement as a Scientific Assistant (EG 13 TV-L) is possible. More information on potential contract length and position can be given on an individual basis.

We invite applications for an Assistant Professor (Akademischer Rat / A 13) position in the Department of Evolutionary (Prof. Dr. Susanne Foitzik) at the Institute of Zoology at Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany. This young international research team focusses on the evolution, behavior, genetics, chemical ecology of social insects (http://www.bio.uni-mainz.de/zoo/evobio/index_ENG.php). Collaboration with other groups in the department of Evolutionary Biology are desirable. Excellent research conditions are available at the newly renovated and well-equipped genetic and chemical laboratories in Mainz. Furthermore, new climate chambers are available for animal maintenance. A NextGen sequencing facility is available on campus. For further information, please contact foitzik@uni-mainz.de <<mailto:foitzik@uni-mainz.de>>.

We are seeking a highly motivated young researcher with a strong background in evolutionary genomics or behavioral genomics to establish a junior research group within Department of Evolutionary Biology. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. and postdoctoral experience is necessary. The successful candidate should address evolutionary or behavioral questions in social insects or other arthropods and should preferentially apply the newest genomic methods including the necessary bioinformatics (e.g. next-gen sequencing and transcriptomics).

The successful candidate should have an excellent publication record. Experience with grant acquisition and teaching is advantageous. The candidate should set-up an independent, competitive research group and is encouraged to apply for grants in Germany or the EU (e.g., DFG, ERC). The position comes with a teaching requirement of 4 h per week during the semester in the Master and Bachelor programme. Some basic zoology classes are preferably taught in German. Consequently, a willingness to learn German is required. The candidate has the option to acquire a "Habilitation". The working language of the lab is English.

Requirements of appointment:

- University degree and a PhD in biology (or related field)
- a full-time employment of at least two years and six months after Master or PhD

The Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz is interested in increasing the number of women in science. Applications from female scientists are strongly encouraged. Similarly, qualified candidates with disabilities will be preferred.

The University of Mainz hosts many excellent scientific institutions (<http://www.uni-mainz.de/eng/>) and Mainz is a historic city located on the Rhine River with many students and a rich social and cultural life (<http://www.mainz.de/WGAPublisher/online/html/default/hpkr-5nkek8.en.html>).

Interested candidates should send an application (as a single e-mail pdf attachment) containing a CV, a list of

publications (including reprints of the three most important publications), research and teaching statements, and contact information for two potential referees to:

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Closing date for the application is February 28th, 2015

Starting date for the position is negotiable, earliest possible date is April 15th 2015