

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy is currently seeking for a

Research Associate

(Reference code: 147)

Extent of employment: 40 Hours per Week
Duration of employment: 15.01.2012 – 15.06.2013

Classification under the collective agreement of the university: B1 lit. b (post-doctorate)
B1 (post-graduate)

Duties and Responsibilities

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (Universität für Bodenkultur Wien – BOKU) seeks a post-graduate research assistant on “Innovation system analysis of forestry and the wood construction sector in Europe”, being part of several international research projects in the frame work the European Forest Institute Regional Office for Central-Eastern European Countries (EFICEEC). The project assistant will conduct analyses of policies and of relevant innovation systems, write scientific articles, contribute to the dissemination work in the two projects and will contribute to the administration of the EFICEEC research network.

The forest sector currently gains attention because of its potential to contribute to the mitigation of climate change, among others, through providing renewable energy sources, or renewable building materials. These sectors offer great innovation potential. Two ongoing projects deal with the analysis of the relevant policies and innovation processes: The project RoK-FOR in the EU research framework programme "Regions of Knowledge" which aims at the support of regional clusters in the field of the EU Lead Market Initiative, particular related to bio-energy, wood construction, and bio-based materials; and the project ECO2 (Carbon efficient building with wood) which is carried out as part of the European "Wood Wisdom" ERA-net.

Both projects are ongoing and have already collected relevant data. The candidate will use these data in order to do analyses of innovation systems on regional and European levels. If necessary, additional data may be collected. The position is based at the EFI Regional Office EFICEEC which is located at BOKU Vienna. The candidate will thus work as part of an experienced team, at the Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy, and within an international network of researchers. The work can build up on previous work in the field but will require the ability to work independently. He/she will furthermore be expected to contribute to the management of the EFICEEC network.

Minimum of Qualification

The requirements are an interest in social scientific research, particularly in forest or environmental policy analysis, or innovation research. Graduation in forestry, landscape planning, environmental management, political sciences, economics, or related curricula is expected. Language proficiency in English and German is required, as well as the standard IT skills and the ability for autonomous scientific work in an international network environment. The position is open for a post-graduate OR a post-doctorate candidate.

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University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna intends to increase the proportion of its female personnel. Qualified women are therefore explicitly invited to submit applications. In the case of equal qualifications, women will be given preferential consideration for employment unless reasons specific to an individual male candidate tilt the balance in his favour.

Please send your job application to Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Feistmantelstraße 4, 1190 Vienna, E-Mail: gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at. (reference code: 147)

We don't refund travel costs to the job candidates.

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