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The Department of Biodiversity, Macroecology and Biogeography at the Georg-August-University Göttingen (Germany) invites applications for a:

Postdoctoral fellowship in functional plant ecology and biogeography

This full-time position (39.8 hrs. / week) is available initially for 2 years with the possibility to extend for an additional 2 years. The salary is defined according to the German public service salary E13 TV-L scale (100%). The starting date for this position is January 1st 2020 or until filled.

We are seeking a highly motivated researcher with an interest in developing their own line of research in functional plant ecology and biogeography in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Macroecology and Biogeography. The Department's research aims at understanding biodiversity patterns at different spatial scales and at understanding how natural drivers and human activities affect them. Our current research focuses on fundamental and conservation-related topics in macroecology, island biogeography, functional plant ecology, and tropical ecology. We are developing a global database on plant distributions and functional traits (GIFT; gift.uni-goettingen.de) and have several ongoing projects in tropical countries (including Indonesia, Madagascar and Mexico).

Your tasks: Further developing research on functional plant ecology and biogeography, which includes freedom to develop a compelling, independent research profile (incl. publications + grant writing). The successful candidate will also take on a limited amount of teaching (4 credit hours per week / semester), and will have the opportunity to supervise graduate students.

Qualifications: Applicants should hold a recent PhD in ecology or a closely related field. The successful candidate should have a strong publication record as well as outstanding analytical and writing skills and knowledge of advanced statistical methods and programming in R, Python or Julia. Experience in functional plant ecology, biogeography and experience with interdisciplinary research projects are required. Furthermore, the successful candidate should have a strong interest in teaching and student supervision.

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The university has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life. The mission of the University is to employ a greater number of severely disabled persons. Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

Please upload a letter of motivation (max. 2 pages, outlining your research interests and how you plan to integrate your research in the group), a CV including a complete publication list, a copy of your publication that represents best your research, and the contact details of two academic references. **The documents are to be submitted as a single PDF file using the online submission portal of the University of Göttingen: https://lotus2.gwdg.de/uni/uzdv/perso/knr_100602.nsf Applications close October 4th 2019.**

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For more information about the group visit: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/128741.html>

Please note: With submission of your application, you accept the processing of your applicant data in terms of data-protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the [Information General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)