

Postdoc position (UNIVERSITÄT BIELEFELD)

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Postdoc position in sawfly (chemical) ecology

A Postdoc position to study adjustments to distinct environmental conditions of the behavioural, physiological and chemical phenotype in the sawfly *Athalia rosae* is available in the group of Chemical Ecology at Bielefeld University, starting February 1st 2018 or soon thereafter. The candidate will investigate this topic using bioassays, chemical ecological, behavioural, immunological as well as transcriptomic approaches. The position is available for four years and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) within the recently approved collaborative research centre (SFB/TRR 212) of Bielefeld and Münster entitled A Novel Synthesis of Individualisation across Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution: Niche Choice, Niche Conformance, Niche Construction (NC3).

We are seeking a bright and highly motivated Postdoc who has a proven record in entomology and chemical ecology and/or transcriptomics. A PhD in a relevant topic (e.g., entomology, animal behaviour, chemical ecology) is a prerequisite. Knowledge in the field of chemical-ecological methods as well as a solid experience in statistics would be ideal. The candidate should be able to work both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team. Fluent verbal and written English communication skills and first-author papers in peer-reviewed international journals are required.

Bielefeld is a city of 325,000 inhabitants with all expected amenities and easy access to the Teutoburger Wald for hiking and other outdoor pursuits. It offers a high standard of living and is well connected to most major European cities. Bielefeld University is an equal opportunity employer. We particularly welcome applications from women and handicapped people. Given equal suitability, qualifications and professional achievement, women or handicapped people will be given preference, unless particular circumstances apply.

To apply, please provide (i) a letter of motivation including a statement of your research experience, (ii) a CV including publication list and (iii) names and contact details of two referees willing to write confidential letters of recommendation. All materials should be emailed as a single PDF file to caroline.mueller@uni-bielefeld.de. The application deadline is **January 7th 2018** and interviews will take place shortly thereafter. The preferred start date is February 1st 2018 but is flexible. For further information on the Department, please see [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/biologie/ChemOekologie/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/biologie/ChemOekologie/) or contact Caroline Müller (caroline.mueller@uni-bielefeld.de) with any informal inquiries.