

The Institute of International Forestry and Forest Economics, one of 14 specialized institutes of the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, invites applications for a

**Research Scientist
to engage in rural livelihoods and forest use in the tropics.**

Within the interdisciplinary research project “LaForeT-Landscape Forestry in the Tropics” which will be implemented in different countries across the tropics we are searching for a forest scientist with specialisation in social / socioeconomic disciplines or a graduate in social- or socioeconomic sciences, with experience in tropical forestry.

The engagement is limited to four years and 75 % of the regular weekly working time.

Tasks:

- Design and implementation of household surveys and focus group discussions in the Philippines to collect socioeconomic data and land use values
- Scientific analysing of human-environment interactions and „non-market values“ by statistical analysis of household data
- Work with interdisciplinary topics and a multicultural team and analyse parallel data sets from other countries
- Publication in international scientific journals

Requirements:

University degree of Forest Sciences, Social Sciences / Socioeconomics or related disciplines

Experience with household surveys and participatory methods/ focus group discussions

Knowledge of statistical methods is an asset

Excellent knowledge of English written and spoken

Work experience in the tropics (preferably the Philippines, ability to work in the tropics)

Willingness to stay and work in the Philippines for several month and possibly travelling to other tropical countries (rest of the time is the work location Hamburg-Bergedorf)

Flexibility, teamwork, ability to work in interdisciplinary and multicultural teams and personal commitment are a prerequisite.

The position includes the possibility to work on a PhD thesis.

The working contract and labour conditions are based on the German „Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst (TVöD)“ (Wage agreement for public service). Remuneration is according to wage group 13 TVöD.

The temporal contract-limitation is based on § 2 Abs. 1 Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz.

Job vacancy at the Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institute



The Thünen Institute supports gender-equality. Qualified female applicants are encouraged to apply. Disabled persons with similar qualification are specifically considered. However, minimum physical fitness is required.

For professional requests candidates are asked to contact PD Dr. Sven Günter (E-mail: sven.guenter@ti.bund.de).

Interested candidates should send their applications (including motivation letter, CV, list of publications, copies of relevant certificates, names and addresses of personal references) referring to **“livelihoods”** before **15.07.2015** to

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