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At the **Faculty of Biology**, the research group Conservation Ecology, Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig, offers one third-party funded **part-time position (65 % of regular working hours) for 3 years, starting as soon as possible**, for a

Research Assistant (PhD student)

Salary and benefits are according to a public service position in Germany, pay scale E 13. It is a position in a research project, the limitation of which is not pursuant to § 2 Abs. 1 Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (WissZeitVG). Within the scope of the assigned duties it will offer the possibility of independent scientific research which can be used for further qualification. A limitation up to the period which is adequate to the duration of the qualification period as defined in § 2 Abs. 1 Satz 3 WissZeitVG cannot be assured.

The position will be part of the German Research Foundation (DFG)-funded Project "Closing the seed dispersal loop: quantitatively linking plant-frugivore interactions to the recruitment cycle of plant communities". The successful candidate will link patterns of seed dispersal by birds and mammals with regeneration of plant populations. The study area is located in the Bialowieza Forest, Poland.

The successful applicant will hold an MSc-degree (with very good results) or equivalent in Biology or a related relevant discipline and will have an interest and, preferably, practical experience in conservation ecological field research, GIS and data analysis (statistics, preferably with R). Experience with botanical and population ecological expertise would be beneficial. Further requirements include a creative, analytical and critical mindset, the ability to work independently and to further develop the project, good communication skills, the willingness to carry out fieldwork in Poland for extended periods of time and to guide field assistants and students, good German and English oral and writing skills and driving licence category B.

Further information is available from Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig (farwig@biologie.uni-marburg.de).

We support women and particularly invite them to apply. Applicants with children are welcome - the Philipps-University is certified as a family friendly university. A reduction of working time is possible. Applicants with a disability as described in SGB IX (§ 2 Abs. 2, 3) will be preferred in case of equal qualifications. Application and interview costs cannot be refunded.

Please send your application mentioning the registration number fb17-0011-wmz-2016 as a single pdf-file to the Faculty of Biology, Conservation Ecology, Prof. Dr. N. Farwig, Karl-von-Frisch-Straße 8, 35043 Marburg. Deadline is 17.06.2016.