

The [Department of Conservation Biology](#) of the Johann-Friedrich-Blumenbach-Institute for Zoology and Anthropology at the Georg-August-University Göttingen is seeking to fill a position as a

Research associate (m/f/d)

(Wissenschaftliche*r Mitarbeiter*in; 100% of the weekly working time, part-time possible, limited to three years with the option of longer-term employment, payroll category 13 TV-L).

The successful candidate will coordinate the implementation of the platform "**Citizen Science for Biodiversity**" (BBioDiv), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation in the program "Pioneer Projects – Impetus for the German Research System".

The **goals** of this new initiative are i) the development of participatory scientific projects for documenting biodiversity change together with interested citizens, ii) a better integration of citizen science and science communication in university teaching and an intensified teaching in species identification skills, iii) the use of citizen science data for conservation policy advice. The initiative is implemented by an interdisciplinary team from the Department of Conservation Biology, the [Forum Wissen](#), the [Biodiversity Museum Göttingen](#), and [Dachverband Deutscher Avifaunisten](#) (DDA).

Your **tasks** include:

- Preparation and implementation of citizen science projects, including surveys of animal/plant species in the field and work in the collections of the Biodiversity Museum.
- Preparation of symposia, conferences, and exhibitions; public relations.
- Development of educational offers, participation in university teaching.
- Conducting scientific analyses with the possibility of scientific further qualification (writing peer-reviewed articles).
- Networking with other partners in the field of citizen science and biodiversity.
- Preparation of third-party funding applications and support in project administration.

We are looking for a highly motivated, open-minded person with the following background and qualifications:

- MSc in Biology, Landscape Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Communication Sciences, or similarly relevant fields of study.

- Interest in biodiversity and citizen science, preferably with experience in both areas.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Very good **German and English language skills** in written and spoken form, confident public appearance, presentation experience.
- Species knowledge and ecological knowledge of at least one group of animals/plants.
- Awareness of the importance of participation, diversity, and equal opportunities.

Additionally, the following skills and experience are **advantages**:

- A completed PhD or equivalent experience in scientific work.
- Experience in recording animal or plant species using digital applications and with large citizen science online databases.
- Experience in collection work, e.g., inventorization (especially insects).
- Didactic knowledge or experience in university teaching.
- Experience in data analysis and statistics, preferably in R, Python, or similar applications.

We offer close integration into the young and international teams of project partners and participation in the establishment of innovative structures in a highly dynamic environment. You have the opportunity to shape a new focus in research, teaching, and communication at the University of Göttingen. We aim for long-term employment after the end of the project. Göttingen is a medium-sized university town with a high quality of life. The renowned University of Göttingen (with over 45 Nobel laureates) offers excellent networking opportunities in the three "green" faculties of Biology, Agricultural Sciences, and Forestry.

The University of Göttingen aims to increase the proportion of women in areas where they are underrepresented and therefore strongly encourages qualified women to apply. It also sees itself as a family-friendly university and promotes the compatibility of science/profession and family. The university is particularly committed to the professional participation of severely disabled employees and therefore welcomes applications from severely disabled individuals. In case of equal qualification, applications from people with disabilities will be given preference. To safeguard interests, a disability should be included in the application.

Please send your application as a combined pdf file to Ms. Andrea Lambertz (alamber@gwdg.de) by the **application deadline** on **February 28, 2024**, consisting of:

- Copies of academic certificates.
- Motivation letter including relevant experiences.
- CV, incl. a publication list, if applicable.
- Contact details of two persons willing to provide a reference.

For inquiries about the job posting, please contact Prof. Dr. Johannes Kamp (johannes.kamp@uni-goettingen.de).