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Scientist (f/m/d)

Institute for Forest Protection - based in Quedlinburg

Application deadline: 23rd June 2026 for reference number: QLB-WS-WA-01-26

At the Institute for Forest Protection, you will develop concepts and strategies for collecting and evaluating data on biotic forest damage at the federal level. You will perform spatial analyses to characterize damaged areas and model functional relationships between climate parameters, the development of forest pests, and the extent of damage for risk models that are necessary for optimizing management measures in practice. As part of your own research projects and collaborations, you will have the opportunity to generate new data relevant to forest protection. In doing so, you will work in close coordination with other research institutions at the federal and state levels.

Your responsibilities

- recording and evaluating climate-related/biotic forest damage from various sources in order to create a strategy for data harmonization;
- development of a database concept for a national reporting system for forest damage and its causes at the federal level;
- Implementing and leading a national reporting system for forest damage,
- evaluation of biotic and abiotic factors using statistical analyses;
- compilation of statistics, statements, reports, expert opinions, and publications on the occurrence of biotic forest damage in Germany;
- preparation and development of statements and expert reports for further use in the political arena;
- support for scientific exchange on the topic of monitoring forest damage in Germany.

Your profile

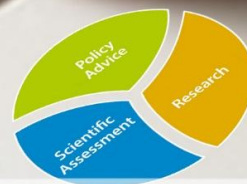
- a completed university degree (at least a master's degree, university diploma, or comparable qualification) in agricultural, forestry sciences or a comparable scientific discipline;
- proven experience and very good knowledge in the field of monitoring and data collection methods in forests, as well as in the evaluation of geodata and forest protection-related data;
- experience in the evaluation of data on biotic damage events;
- experience in the analysis of forest protection data, including analysis in the context of climate data;
- in-depth knowledge of the forest protection reporting system in Germany;
- good knowledge and experience in the development and application of models in the field of forestry sciences;
- very good user skills in data management and R;
- interest in forest protection issues and relevant harmful organisms;
- excellent communication and teamwork skills, including when working with other research institutions and authorities, as well as the ability to work independently and on your own initiative, including strong organizational skills;
- well-networked with representatives of the forest protection agencies of the federal states;
- very good written and spoken German and English skills;
- Class III (B) driver's license and willingness to drive a passenger car or pickup truck.willingness to undertake business trips of several days in Germany and within Europe.

We offer

- a varied, challenging and interesting job in an international working environment.
- a permanent part-time employment with 29,25 hours per week. The employment contract will be based on the collective agreement for the public service East (TVöD-Ost).

The Julius Kühn Institute is an institution directly subordinated to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH). Address: Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants, Central Department, Erwin-Baur-Straße 27, 06484 Quedlinburg, Germany. Information on data protection can be found here: <https://www.julius-kuehn.de/en/data-protection-information-for-applicants>.





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- a remuneration according to salary group E 13 TVöD, provided that the successful applicant meets the required qualification and personal specification.
- an entry as early as possible.

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The JKI subsidizes the Deutschlandticket for its staff, who can purchase it at a reduced subscription price of €23.28.

More information

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Please apply via the INTERAMT job portal. To do so, click on the "**Online bewerben**" button on the INTERAMT page. The deadline for your application is 23rd June 2026.

Please note that the language on the INTERAMT portal is German.

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Make sure to have uploaded all relevant documents for your online application by the application deadline.

If you have an international degree, please also enclose a certificate evaluation from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) with your application. If you do not yet have a certificate evaluation, you must apply for one if your application is successful. Further information can be found at <https://zab.kmk.org/en/statement-comparability>.

