

securing tomorrow's resources

Scientist (f/m/d)

Institute for Resistance Research and Stress Tolerance - based in Quedlinburg

Application deadline: 24th June 2026 for reference number: QLB-RS-WA-05-26

Climate change, changing land use, and the associated loss of semi-natural habitats are increasingly leading to a decline in crop wild relatives (CWR) and their genetic diversity. As a result, valuable genetic resources are being lost that are essential for the adaptability of cultivated crops and long-term food security. CWR and their conservation in so-called genetic reserves are currently insufficiently integrated into existing nature conservation and agricultural funding systems in Germany. The project "In situ conservation of crop wild relatives through umbrella species" (IsWEL), therefore, aims to establish the foundations for nationwide financing and implementation of CWR conservation in their semi-natural habitats. The objective is to raise awareness of CWR conservation among authorities, associations, and the agricultural sector, and to initiate the programming of suitable funding incentives at the federal state level using the Joint Task for the Improvement of Agricultural Structures and Coastal Protection (GAK).

Your responsibilities

- analysis of barriers to the funding and implementation of genetic reserves at federal state level and development of practical solutions within the framework of the GAK, in close coordination with relevant stakeholders;
- contribution to the preparation of well-founded policy recommendations for political and administrative female actors and actors;
- scientific support for the establishment of additional genetic reserves in cooperation with regional female partners and partners;
- management and processing of data (e.g. population genetic and occurrence data), including support for statistical analyses;
- publication of results in peer-reviewed journals and presentation of findings at project meetings as well as at national and international conferences in German and English;
- organization of and participation in knowledge transfer and professional events (e.g., workshops and conferences).

Your profile

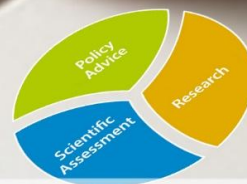
- a completed academic degree (Master's or equivalent) in agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, nature conservation, landscape ecology, biology, or a comparable field;
- proven experience working with crop wild relatives (CWRs);
- interest in biodiversity conservation, nature conservation measures, and agricultural support instruments (in particular the GAK);
- german language proficiency at a minimum level of B2;
- a structured, independent, and team-oriented working style as well as willingness to undertake business travels;
- experience in project coordination, collaboration with public administration and the agricultural sector, and in the preparation of final reports and policy recommendations is desirable.

We offer

- a varied, challenging, and interesting job in an international working environment.
- a full-time employment with 39 hours a week until 31st December 2027 on a third party funded project. Various forms of part-time employment are generally possible. The employment contract will be based on the collective agreement for the public service (TVöD).
- remuneration according to salary group E 13 TVöD if you have the required qualifications and skills.
- an entry as early as possible.

The Julius Kühn Institute is an institution directly subordinated to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH).
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Make sure to have uploaded all relevant documents for your online application by the application deadline.

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