



Scientist (f/m/d)

Institute for Ecological Chemistry, Plant Analysis and Stored Product Protection – based in Berlin.

Application deadline: 5th August 2026 for reference number: B-ÖPV-WA-02-26

Against the backdrop of the ecological, economic, and social challenges facing today's agricultural and food system, the DaVaSus project was launched to drive sustainable transformation by leveraging digital technologies and the potential of mobile communications. The project's primary focus is on capturing agricultural externalities—that is, the costs and benefits of agricultural activities that are not directly reflected in market transactions but nevertheless generate societal costs or benefits. Many of these external effects are insufficiently taken into account because businesses often lack access to all relevant performance indicators, practical knowledge about management practices with societal and potential economic benefits is limited, and implementing such practices generally requires additional time and financial resources that are not adequately compensated. Within this context, the DaVaSus project has formulated a clear vision, based on the premise that digitalization is a key enabling technology for greater transparency: "The farm of the future captures, integrates, and uses data from both its operations and the surrounding environment as a basis for decision-making, enabling it to achieve the optimal ecological, economic, and social outcome."

Your responsibilities

- management and implementation of the Julius Kühn Institute's (JKI) work package within the DaVaSus collaborative project;
- collection of soil samples at experimental field sites;
- field assessment of earthworm communities;
- quantification of soil organic carbon stocks;
- contribution to the preparation of scientific publications and presentation of project results in German and English;
- preparation of the final project report;
- support in the administration and management of project funds.

Your profile

- a completed academic degree (at least a master's degree, university diploma, or comparable qualification) in agricultural sciences, biology, or a comparable discipline, ideally with a PhD;
- demonstrated expertise in temperate agroforestry systems and their field sampling, evidenced by relevant scientific publications;
- proven knowledge of the practical assessment and quantification of soil organic carbon stocks;
- practical experience in surveying earthworm communities in agricultural soils;
- advanced knowledge of soil science and soil biology;
- experience in the statistical analysis of experimental data, preferably using R;
- ability to work independently while contributing effectively to collaborative, team- and project-oriented environments;
- demonstrated ability to communicate scientific and technical information effectively, both in writing and orally, to a range of audiences, including a publication record of peer-reviewed articles in international scientific journals relevant to the field;
- good command of written and spoken German and English;
- a valid Class B (III) driver's license and willingness to undertake multi-week business trips.





A strong ability and motivation to familiarize oneself with the required subject matter within a very short period of time and to integrate quickly into the existing, well-established project consortium, given the limited duration of the position.

We offer

- a varied, challenging and interesting job in an international working environment.
- a full-time employment to last until 31st December 2026 with 39 hours a week on a third party funded project. Generally, various forms of part-time employment are 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.
- starting date: 1st September 2026.

The Julius Kühn Institute (JKI) is an equal opportunities employer. We live a culture of a diverse and cosmopolitan work environment. The JKI is committed to inclusion. Applications from people with disabilities are therefore expressly welcome and given special consideration in the selection process. The JKI promotes the reconciliation of work and family life and, since 2021, has been holding the **audit workandfamily** certificate ([audit berufundfamilie](#)). Where possible, we offer flexible working time models to reconcile work and family life. More information can be found [here](#).

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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Applying online

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 5th August 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>.

