

Leibniz-Zentrum für Agrarlandschaftsforschung e.V. - HR



The mission of the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) as a nationally and internationally active research institute is to deliver solutions for an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable agriculture – together with society. ZALF is a member of the Leibniz Association and is located in Müncheberg (approx. 35 minutes by regional train from Berlin-Lichtenberg). The institute maintains further locations in Brandenburg (Dedelow, Paulinenaue) as well as in Hesse (Giessen, Kassel, and Geisenheim).

Student Assistent (f/m/d) to support us in harvesting a plant experiment and processing the samples

The project HiddenFun is conducted within the Sustainable Grassland Systems working group, located in Paulinenaue. The project focuses on root functioning in herbaceous plant species using a unique model system of plants with different clonality-related growth forms. Multiple plant species are grown in standardized pot conditions at Paulinenaue research station and will be harvested and processed in autumn 2026. We are offering a part-time position (40 h/month for 4 months) starting in September 2026 at our location in Paulinenaue as Student Assistent (f/m/d).

City: Paulinenaue; Starting date (earliest): At the earliest possible; Duration: for 4 months; Remuneration: Salary according to the usual hourly rates for student assistants in Brandenburg; Reference number: 22-2026; Closing date: 31/05/26

Tasks

- Plant harvest, including root washing (outdoors)
- Scanning of roots (lab)
- Weighing of dry biomass (lab)
- Plant tissue grinding (lab)

There will be fixed intensive period of work in September, followed by processing samples on a continuous basis, allowing work to be scheduled according to your preferences.

Requirements

- A minimum of 4 semesters of studying biology or a related field including Botany courses
- Matriculation at a German University
- Reliability and time flexibility
- Patience and precision
- Ability to communicate in English

What we offer

- International and friendly working environment
- Possibility to learn about plant functional ecology
- Option to pursue a Bachelor/Master thesis related to the project
- Salary according to the usual hourly rates for student assistants in Brandenburg

Application

ZALF promotes equality among all employees and welcomes applications regardless of ethnic, cultural, or social background, age, religion, ideology, disability, gender, or sexual identity. The filling of the position in part-time is possible in principle. Please send your application preferably online (see button online application below). For e-mail applications, create a single PDF file including your CV and a short motivation letter, stating the reference number 22-2026 to (see button e-mail application below).

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2026.

<https://jobs.zalf.de/jobposting/f139eebe905ff2baa28bc1c9abfdd00b67b7c2180>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: Jana Duchoslavová, jana.duchoslavova@zalf.de

For cost reasons, application documents or extensive publications can only be returned if an adequately stamped envelope is attached.

If you apply, we collect and process your personal data in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the EU GDPR only for the processing of your application and for purposes that result from possible future employment with the ZALF. Your data will be deleted after six months.

More information at <https://stellenticket.de/203805/FUB/>

Offer visible until 30/05/26

