

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) in Halle (Saale), Germany, invites applications for a

Post-doc position
Bioeconomy cluster development and transition pathways in Europe

Full time, TV-L 13, until July 1st, 2021

The post-doctoral researcher will work within the project: “The Role and Functions of Bioclusters in the Transition to a Bioeconomy” (TRAFOBIT), funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). TRAFOBIT (<https://www.iamo.de/en/research/projects/details/trafobit>) investigates the role of so-called bioclusters in which businesses, governments, research institutes and universities work together with the aim to replace our current fossil based sources of carbon with renewable ones .

The TRAFOBIT project aims to explore the innovation and transition processes that originate from bioclusters and the interaction of bioclusters with context conditions at different geographic and administrative levels: local, regional, national and international. The project holds an interdisciplinary perspective aiming to combine theoretical insights and methods from sociology, innovation science, economic geography, ecological economics and statistics.

Tasks:

The post-doctoral researcher will develop and/or apply novel methods to study the occurrence and development of bioclusters within different European contexts. This means that he or she will:

- Lead the efforts to identify and characterize different types of bioclusters based on their development phase, and their potential to generate radical innovations;
- Offer methodological support of PhD students working within Trafobit.

Requirements:

- Suitable candidates will have a PhD degree in innovation and transition studies, economic geography, econometrics or related fields.
- An excellent publication record and the capacity to work in a multidisciplinary team are required.

Terms and conditions:

The successful candidate will conduct his/her research at the IAMO department of Structural Development of Farms and Rural Areas in Halle (Saale). The salary is calculated according to TV-L 13 based. The position is for approximately two and half years and the preferred starting date is February 1st 2019.

About us:

IAMO (www.iamo.de) is a public research institute that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics. It offers an excellent infrastructure and a stimulating research environment in an international, ambitious, and multidisciplinary team. IAMO is a member of the Leibniz Association, a German network of non-university research institutes (www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de). The city of Halle (Saale) (<http://www.halle.de/en/Home/>) is located in East Germany, near Leipzig, and offers an attractive as well as affordable living environment.

Equality of opportunity is part of our personnel policy. Female researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants with adequate qualification will be preferentially considered.

Application:

Interested candidates should send a set of application documents in English that include:

1. Letter of motivation (maximum 1 page);
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Copies of all relevant transcripts and certificates of bachelor, master, and PhD as well as English language certificates, if the PhD thesis was not written in English;
4. Names and contact information of two academic referees.

This set of application documents should be sent by e-mail to Dr. Frans Hermans (Hermans@iamo.de).

Closing date for applications is 31 December 2018. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview via email.

Further information:

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