

The Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in Kleve and Kamp-Lintfort offers an innovative, international environment combined with first-rate teaching in interdisciplinary Bachelor and Master's degree courses, taught mainly in English. It is strong in conducting research in disciplines such as technology, natural sciences and social sciences. More than 6,000 students have already enrolled at the Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

The Lower Rhine region with its attractive countryside is in the direct vicinity of the Rhine-Ruhr conurbation and the Netherlands, while at the same time being located at the heart of Europe, with two University Campuses easily accessible from all over the world via the three airports of Amsterdam/Schiphol, Düsseldorf Airport and Weeze.

We are looking for support for the faculty of Life Sciences, Kleve Campus and would like to fill the following vacancy as soon as possible:

Reference number 19/F2/16

Scientific Assistant (m/f) for socio-economic and innovation system analyses in the international research project Food Pro.tec.ts

wage group TV-L EG 13, contract initially limited to 1 year with the possibility of extension of the contract to a maximum of 38 months, part time with 50 per cent of the average regular working time of a full-time employee.

We expect the successful candidate to pursue his/her own academic qualification (e.g., doctoral studies jointly supervised by scientists from Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences and a German or international university) and to publish the results in high-impact scientific journals.

In the international research project "Food Pro.tec.ts – Food production technologies for trans-boundary systems", 18 partners from Germany and the Netherlands collaborate to jointly develop, adapt and test various technological innovations aimed at promoting a more sustainable agriculture. The work package TIC 5 deals primarily with technologies for more efficient biomass use. The successful candidate will conduct socio-economic analyses of these technologies at the level of the participating companies and the entire innovation system and develop instruments for rural advisory work, which serve to popularize these technologies.

Your tasks:

- Design the research approach and conduct the research work within the project
- Closely cooperate with the German and Dutch companies, universities and institutions involved in the project for data collection and data analysis
- Present research results at workshops and conferences and publish results in national and international academic journals
- Supervise Bachelor and Master theses on topics related to the project
- Support project management and reporting activities
- Assist in attracting additional third-party funding
- Support in academic teaching.

Your profile:

- Above average university degree in agricultural economics or related disciplines
- Analytical and conceptual skills, familiarity with inferential statistical methods and quantitative simulations, including relevant software
- Practical experience with methods of empirical social research
- Strong motivation to conduct and publish high-quality academic research
- Work experience in the agribusiness sector is of advantage
- High autonomy, responsibility and team spirit
- Very good English and German skills corresponding to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages; knowledge of Dutch is of advantage
- An initial research plan/proposal for a doctoral/ PhD research project not exceeding 1,500 words, and copies of own academic publications should be submitted.

Those applicants, whose native tongue is not German, shall at least have basic knowledge of the German language.

The university supports candidates, whose native language is not German, in acquiring higher levels of language proficiency in the university language centre.

The Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences promotes the professional development of women. Applications from women are therefore explicitly welcomed. In areas where women are not adequately represented, they shall be given preferential consideration when offering the same suitability, capability and professional achievements as men according to the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz), unless there are exceptional reasons for giving preference to another applicant.

When offering the same suitability, preferential consideration shall be given to applications from suitable candidates with severe disabilities and equivalent persons pursuant to Section 2 (3) German Social Security Code, Book IX (SGB IX).

Please send your written application with relevant documents by 22th December 2016 via post **stating the reference number**, addressed to the **Department Human Resources of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, Marie-Curie-Str. 1, 47533 Kleve, Germany.**