



The Department of Plant Ecology at the University of Bayreuth, Germany, offers a position for a

Doctoral Researcher (65% TV-L E13)

for 3 years, starting in April 2017.

The research group examines various aspects of how abiotic and biotic factors influence plant performance, distribution patterns and community composition, and considers them in the context of global change.

The doctoral researcher will participate in the research project 'The role of nutrients for the variability of drought effects on community composition and productivity across land use gradients in grasslands: a trait-based approach'. The project will take place in the framework of the Biodiversity Exploratories (http://www.biodiversity-exploratories.de/startseite). The research group is part of the Bayreuth Center of Ecology and Environmental Research (BayCEER) with more than 60 senior researchers and postdocs, and the University of Bayreuth offers a graduate program in Ecology and Environmental Research (PEER).

Candidate's qualifications: (1) M. Sc. Degree (or diploma) in Ecology, Biology or Botany, (2) strong background in plant physiological ecology, functional ecology and/or experimental field research, (3) strong statistical background, (4) good oral and written communication (English is required, German a plus), (5) organizational skills, (6) capability and desire to communicate and interact with other scientists.

People with disabilities will be taken into consideration. The University aims to increase the proportion of women and therefore explicitly invites women to apply.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, and contact information for 3 referees (preferably via email) to Prof. Dr. Bettina Engelbrecht, Faculty of Biology, Chemistry and Geosciences, University of Bayreuth, 95440 Bayreuth, Germany, email: bettina.engelbrecht@uni-bayreuth.de.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The review process will start in February.