

Junior Group Leader in Ecology or Evolution

The Unit of Ecology & Evolution of the Department of Biology at Fribourg University, Switzerland, invites applications for a junior group leader position ("Maitre-assistant") in the field of Ecology or Evolution.

We are seeking a highly motivated scientist with post-doctoral experience, a strong publication record, and the will to develop an independent research group within the Unit. Applications are invited from researchers in any area of Ecology and Evolution. Applicants will be expected to develop an externally funded and internationally recognized research program. Attached to the position is a 50% lab technician, funded by the university. Teaching duties include participation in undergraduate courses, and an advanced Master-level course in the applicant's research area. Undergraduate teaching in either German or French would be desirable, but English is also possible. Master-level teaching is in English.

The University of Fribourg provides excellent facilities and a stimulating intellectual and social environment. The Department of Biology comprises 14 research groups organized in three Units. The Unit of Ecology & Evolution consists of five groups studying plant population ecology, invasive plant species, community ecology in agricultural landscapes, and evolutionary genetics of subdivided populations (<http://www.unifr.ch/biol/ecology>).

Fribourg is a very pleasant and lively medium-sized town in the centre of Switzerland (less than one hour from Lausanne, Bern, and Neuchatel). The old town is charming and holds one of the finest remnant of medieval architecture in Europe. Students account for more than one fourth of the population.

The position is open starting 1st of September 2007, and is limited to five years. Annual salary starts at about CHF 90'000 (ca. EUR 55'000). To apply, please send a CV with a list of publications, a brief (less than 1 page) statement of general research interests and planned research, as well as the names and e-mail addresses of two referees in a single pdf-file to Catherine Cuennet: catherine.cuennet@unifr.ch. The deadline for application is 30 June 2007.

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