Tasks and expectations:
We are seeking an internationally renowned scientist in the field of plant biotic interactions and evolutionary ecology. The research of the applicant should focus on how interactions of plants with other organisms influence evolutionary adaptations. The successful candidate should use molecular techniques on the organismal level to address fundamental questions in evolutionary ecology, ideally covering phenotype, underlying genotype and epigenetic processes. We particularly encourage applicants whose research comprises theoretical methods or whose empirical investigations are amendable to modelling.

The successful candidate is expected to develop an independent and internationally visible research program, supported by sustained extramural funding. We strongly encourage local and regional networking on campus within the Faculty of Biology, with other faculties in the natural and life sciences at Johannes Gutenberg University as well as with research institutes such as the Institute for Biotechnology and Drug Research (IBWF), the Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB), the Max Planck Institutes for Polymer Research and for Chemistry, and the RhineMain Universities alliance (RMU). Shaping of and active contribution to local research clusters such as collaborative research centers, graduate schools i.e. GenEvo (Gene regulation in Evolution) and profile areas i.e. ReALity (Resilience - Adaptation - Longevity) is desired (for further details see: https://www.bio.uni-mainz.de/forschung). The successful candidate is expected to contribute to courses in the fields of botany, biodiversity, evolutionary ecology in the Bachelor and Master programs. The teaching load is reduced in the W1 phase, compared to tenured professorships. Additionally, the willingness to participate in the academic self-management is expected.

Requirements:
- In addition to the general requirements according to public services law, applicants must meet the recruitment requirements stipulated in Section 54 of the Hochschulgesetz of Rhineland-Palatinate.
- In addition to the doctorate, proof of excellent academic achievements is required.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and JGU are committed to close personal mentoring of students and expect teaching staff to have a strong presence on campus. A cooperative, team-oriented and proactive work attitude, strong communication skills, and the willingness to assume responsibility – including further professional development in accordance with JGU’s leadership guidelines – is also expected.

Junior professors with tenure track are initially appointed as civil servants for a period of six years. Following positive evaluation, the position will be converted to a tenured professorship (W 2), provided the holder of the position meets the relevant regulations of higher education law (final evaluation procedure) as well as the general requirements according to public services law. In the fourth year, the junior professor’s performance will be evaluated in order to provide orientation for the time remaining.

What we have to offer:
JGU firmly supports making family and career compatible and promotes its employees’ further professional development with extensive human resources development opportunities.

The professorship is financed through the Tenure Track Program of the German Federal Government and the Federal States. Researchers early in their career are therefore especially encouraged to apply.

JGU is diverse and welcomes qualified applications from people with varied backgrounds.

JGU aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and therefore encourages female researchers to apply.

Candidates with severe disabilities and appropriate qualifications will be given priority.

Please apply under the link with your complete application documents (CV; certificates; lists of publications and teaching activities; funding record; current research and future research plans; teaching concept) as well as the filled form available at no later than March 27th, 2022 under the following Link: https://berufungsportal.uni-mainz.de/ausschreibungen/4/?lang=en

The interview symposium is tentatively planned for end of April - May 2022. For questions and further information, please contact the chairperson of the search committee (Prof. Dr. Susanne Foitzik: foitzik@uni-mainz.de).

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