



Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL

The Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL is part of the ETH Domain. Approximately 600 people work on the sustainable use and protection of the environment and on the handling of natural hazards.

The Research Unit Forest Health and Biotic Interactions investigates the influence of biotic factors on forest health and develops scientific basis for the protection of forests against harmful organisms. Following the retirement of the current group leader, we are looking from **October 2022** for a (f/m/d)

Group Leader Phytopathology (80-100%)

You will be responsible for the strategic development and the staff of the Phytopathology group. You will lead a group of about 5 permanent staff members and several PhD students, postdocs and other temporary staff in scientific, technical and administrative matters. The main focus of this group is on research on forest pathogens, especially invasive fungi and oomycetes, and their interactions with host trees and other organisms such as insect vectors or antagonistic microorganisms. Your research is expected to provide the scientific basis for the prevention and management of harmful tree diseases. A modern plant protection laboratory is available, which includes state-of-the-art biosafety level 2 and 3 laboratories and a biosafety level 3 greenhouse. Also integrated into the group is a molecular diagnostics laboratory, which fulfils national tasks in forest protection. For your research you will acquire funding from national and international institutions and publish your results in recognized ISI journals.

You have a university degree with a dissertation in forest pathology, international postdoctoral experience with several years of independent research, knowledge of statistical data analysis, and an excellent publication record. You are familiar with the Swiss forest context. You have leadership experience, successfully acquired third-party funding and are motivated to foster research in the unique plant protection and biosafety laboratory of WSL. You are communicative, have a team-building personality and you enjoy challenging yourself and the group to develop the group's research. You are proficient in English and German and ideally a second Swiss national language.

Please send your complete application to Michèle Bucher, Human Resources WSL, by uploading the requested documents through our webpage. Applications via email will not be considered. Dr. Eckehard Brockerhoff, phone +41 44 739 26 95 will be happy to answer any questions or offer further information. WSL strives to increase the proportion of women in its employment, which is why qualified women are particularly called upon to apply for this position.

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