



Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL

The Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL is a part of the ETH domain. Approximately 500 people work on the sustainable use and protection of the environment and on the handling of natural hazards.

The newly established research unit Forest Health and Biotic Interactions focuses on research in forest entomology and pathology and provides diagnostic and advisory services on forest pests and diseases. As a core infrastructure, the unit operates the plant protection laboratory of WSL, which harbours state-of-the-art biosafety class 2 and 3 laboratories including a corresponding green house. The directorate of WSL wishes to fill in the new position of a

Head of Research Unit Forest Health and Biotic Interactions

As a researcher with an international reputation, you will manage the research unit in cooperation with the group leaders. You will run your own research projects, but also support and coordinate research activities within the unit. You are expected to successfully apply for third party funding and promote research cooperation within WSL and at national and international levels. You are motivated not only to foster research in the unique plant protection and biosafety laboratory of WSL, but to also support ecological studies on biotic interactions in forest ecosystems. Likewise, you promote the important consulting and outreach activities of this unit.

You are at an advanced stage of your scientific career with several years of independent research in entomology or plant pathology, preferentially in the field of forest health or biological invasions. You have experience in managing research groups and/or in leading interdisciplinary research projects. Furthermore, you possess a proven record in successful grant applications, an excellent publication list and an established international network in your field of excellence. You have an integrative personality with negotiating skills and, preferentially, a good command of one of the Swiss national languages.

Please send your detailed application online to Stefania Pe, Human Resources WSL. Prof. Dr. Konrad Steffen, Director WSL, Tel. +41 (044) 739 24 55, will be happy to answer any questions or to offer further information. The 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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