

The Alexander von Humboldt Professorship in the Department of Environmental Economics of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Osnabrück is seeking to appoint a

**PhD Researcher (m/f/d)**  
**(salary scale E 13 TV-L, 65%)**

The position starts October 1, 2021, and ends March 31, 2025.

**Description of responsibilities:**

The work is embedded in the EU Horizon 2020 project „FRAMEwork: Farmer clusters for Realising Agrobiodiversity Management across Ecosystems“. This inter- and transdisciplinary project, involving 18 partner institutions from 11 countries, aims to develop a multi-actor and transdisciplinary strategy to enable transition paths for different EU farming systems that promote biodiversity and ecosystem services while also mitigating potential agronomic or economic risks. The project builds on and advances the Farmer Cluster approach, a bottom-up participatory approach that has been implemented successfully in the UK. (see <https://www.framework-biodiversity.eu/> for more information on the project).

- Specific task of the advertised position is to conduct research on the topic on “Private incentives for promoting biodiversity-sensitive farming”. This includes the development, implementation and analysis of a choice experiment to understand producer decisions. Questions include “What motivates farmers to become part of a farmer cluster and adopt biodiversity-friendly production practices? What is the role therein of private incentives such as labeling, direct marketing, or behavioral/psychological factors and potential nudges?” Results are to be presented at international project meetings and conferences.

It is possible and highly encouraged to use the academic article(s) produced as part of the project as components of a cumulative PhD thesis.

**Required qualifications:**

- Higher scientific studies in economics or a related field, with a specialization in environmental, behavioral or experimental economics
- Very good English language skills
- Experience with quantitative data analysis
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- Experience and/or interest in the topic of sustainability transition in agriculture

**Desirable qualifications:**

- Experience with choice experiments
- Prior knowledge of behavioral economics
- Interest in interdisciplinary cooperation

**We offer:**

- As part of the Alexander von Humboldt-Professorship of Environmental Economics, an excellent scientific environment, a dynamic international team and the opportunity for exchange in international networks
- At the research center "Institute for Environmental Systems Research" an interdisciplinary research environment on policy-relevant environmental topics
- Participation in a large, international, inter- and transdisciplinary EU project on a very timely topic
- The possibility to write a cumulative PhD thesis

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If two candidates are equally qualified, preference will be given to the candidate with disability status.

Applications including a letter of motivation, CV, three letters of recommendation, and degree certificates of university studies should be sent as PDF documents by e-mail to Ms. Laura Papendorf ([laura.papendorf@uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:laura.papendorf@uni-osnabrueck.de)) by June 30, 2021.

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