Postdoc position in Project on the Macroecology of Cultivated Alien Plants

( Salary scale 13 TV-L )

The Ecology lab of Mark van Kleunen at the University of Konstanz (https://www.biologie.uni-konstanz.de/kleunen/) is seeking a highly motivated person to work on a DFG-funded project that has as main objectives (1) building a global database of cultivated alien plants, and (2) analysing how spatial, temporal, functional trait and phylogenetic biases in cultivated alien floras underlie current patterns in naturalized alien floras. The postdoc will be responsible for building and maintaining the cultivated alien flora database, and to use the database, as well as datasets of historical nursery catalogues, to address major questions in invasion ecology and macroecology.

The successful candidate should have a strong interest in plant invasions and cultivated alien plants, solid knowledge of plant taxonomy, and strong statistical (preferably in R) and writing skills. Experience with database design and programming (SQL) would be beneficial. The 100%-position has been funded for three years, and the salary will be at scale E13 TV-L. In principle, this position can be divided into two half-time positions. The earliest starting date is 1 April 2020, but a later starting date is negotiable. For more information, contact mark.vankleunen@uni-konstanz.de.

The University of Konstanz is one of the Universities of Excellence in Germany, and is located just outside the beautiful town of Konstanz, which is at the shore of Lake Constance. The Ecology group is very international, and works on a wide range of topics, including among others mating system evolution, plant responses to global change and determinants of plant naturalization success.

The University of Konstanz encourages disabled persons to apply. They will be given preference if appropriately qualified (contact + 49 (0) 7531 / 88 – 4016).

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If you are interested in this position, please, send a single PDF document including a letter of motivation, a CV with a complete list of your publications, a copy of your best publication, and the contact details of two references to mark.vankleunen@unikonzanz.de. The application deadline is 15 January 2020.