



The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)

is inviting applicants for the position as

University Professor
(according to § 99 (4) UG) of

Environmental History

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Department of Economics and Social Sciences, seeks to appoint a University Professor of Environmental History, starting 01.03.2024.

The position is filled in accordance with § 99(4) Universities Act 2002, as well as the development plan of the University and the agreement with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research. The appointment will be a six-year (§ 109 UG) employment with the option for an extension after a positive evaluation.

The application for this position requires an employment with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences as “Universitätsdozent*in” (in accordance with §94(2) 2., Universities Act 2002, or Associated Professor in accordance with §27 (Uni-KV - Collective Contract).

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, the “Alma Mater Viridis”, is the University of Sustainability and Life Sciences. It is BOKU's task to make a key contribution to the conservation and protection of resources for future generations through its wide variety of expertise. Combining natural sciences, engineering plus social and economic sciences, its aim is to increase knowledge of the ecologically and economically sustainable use of natural resources. With 11,000 students and 2,900 staff members, BOKU is one of Europe's leading life science universities.

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (WiSo) accommodates economic, social, political and legal research and teaching at BOKU. Special attention is given to the synthesis of economic, ecological and social sciences, including ethical aspects in the context of the sustainable use of natural resources. Innovation, inter- and transdisciplinarity and transformation research as well as internationality characterize the WiSo Department.

The professorship will be appointed at the Institute of Social Ecology in order to strengthen the interdisciplinary research on long-term changes of society-nature interactions at local to global levels. It will contribute to BOKU's competence field „resources and societal dynamics“ by long-term socio-ecological research. The successful candidate will have an excellent expertise in environmental history, long-term socio-ecological research, historical ecology or adjacent areas in terms of both teaching and research. We look for a candidate with experiences in managing research teams, acquiring project funding and renown publication activities. Experience in teaching is required. It is expected that the new professor will contribute to teaching in the Master's programmes “Climate Change and Societal Transformation” and “Environmental and Bioresource Management”, and participate in the “Doctoral School Social Ecology (DSSE)” programme.

Job specification:

- Affiliation to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna 1) as “Universitätsdozent*in” i.e. with a definitive employment relationship in accordance with § 170ff BDG or § 55ff VBG (official title: “Außerordentliche*r Universitätsprofessor*in”) and 2) Associate Professor in accordance with § 27 (5, 6) Uni-KV.
- Relevant experience and competence in teaching, guidance in scientific work, as well as the supervision of junior scientists (PhD students). The candidate is expected to submit a teaching portfolio.
- Teaching in German and English.



- Subject-specific research experience, national and international reputation, as well as ability to network.
- Sound research experience outside BOKU is expected.
- Excellent publication achievements in the scientific field.
- Experience in the successful acquisition, execution and management of research projects.
- Cooperation with national and international research institutions and with relevant partners from public services and business.
- Management and interpersonal skills including gender and diversity management skills, communication and team skills.
- Participation in public relations.
- Participation in relevant focus and cooperation programs of the University.
- Participation in the self-governance of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken German and English or willingness to learn German in the first two years.

For more information about this position, please contact the Head of Department, Univ.Prof. DI Dr. Erwin Schmid, phone: +43 1 47654-73002, E-Mail: erwin.schmid@boku.ac.at.

Please submit your application as **single PDF file** (LastName_FirstName.pdf) containing the information mentioned below in English via email to the Rectorate of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna: berufungen@boku.ac.at no later than **February 9th 2024**.

Please include the following documents with your application:

- Brief explanation of why you believe yourself to be particularly suitable for this position (max. 1 page A4)
- CV including ORCID and details of professional, teaching and research activities (incl. presentation of teaching portfolios – further information is available in German at <http://short.boku.ac.at/lehrportfolio>)
- Draft concept for research and teaching; presentation of planned research priorities (max. 4 pages A4)
- List of publications (referenced / not referenced), presentations and projects
- Copies of 5 recent publications that you consider particularly important

By submitting the application, you also agree to the participation of an external recruitment consultant in the selection process.

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna is seeking to increase the number of its female faculty members and therefore, qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. Women are given priority when qualifications are equal, except in cases where there are outweighing factors concerning another candidate.

People with disabilities and appropriate qualifications are specifically encouraged to apply.

The employment contract is classified as group A1 of the collective agreement for university employees. Minimum gross yearly salary: € 89,075; the actual annual gross salary is subject to negotiation.

More information on this position and about BOKU and the department can be found on the website: <https://boku.ac.at/en/>