

Postdoc advertisement

The Humboldt Foundation is scouting for researchers (postdocs) from underrepresented regions of the globe. For that, they developed a scouting program particularly dedicated to supporting excellent female scientists, and I have the honor to serve as one of their scouts. In this context, I am looking for a scientist with expertise in soil ecology/soil macroecology.

For this first round of candidates (2021), there are two main topics:

1) The candidate should be interested in synthesizing/modelling global data on soil biodiversity, carbon cycling, and soil-biosphere-atmosphere interactions (context: Soil BON; <https://geobon.org/bons/thematic-bon/soil-bon/>).

2) Alternatively, the candidate should be interested in plant-mycorrhizae interactions and work in the broad context of the MyDiv Experiment (<https://www.idiv.de/de/research/platforms-and-networks/mydiv.html>) in TreeDivNet (<https://treedivnet.ugent.be/>).

This scholarship will cover up to two years of funding (with children, extensions are possible), and is for excellent (female) scientists that are close to becoming a professor in their home country and have never been to Germany before (for scientific work). More information about the funding program can be found here: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/henriette-herz-scouting-programme>.

In case of interest, the candidates should send (1) a motivation letter, (2) a one-pager on a potential research topic, and (3) their CV (combined in one PDF) to Svenja Haenzel (svenja.haenzel@idiv.de). Potential questions should also be sent to Svenja Haenzel.

There is no deadline. The position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is found.

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Soil BON



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