



At the **Institute for Environmental Sciences**, University of Koblenz-Landau, **Campus Landau**, a

## **PhD position (0,65 EGr. 13 TV-L)**

is available starting on September 1st or October 1st in 2016 with a duration of three years. The position is subject to the German law on fixed-term contracts in science (WissZeitVG).

### **Key aspects:**

The position is part of the DFG funded project „Effects of spatio-temporal resource availability on pollinators and pest-natural enemies in fragmented agricultural landscapes“ (FRAGMENT III). The project is a collaboration with agroscope Institute for Sustainability Sciences in Zürich (Dr. Felix Herzog and Dr. Matthias Albrecht) and additional international partners. We will determine the resource use of insects beneficial to agriculture (wild bees, bumblebees, lacewings and lady beetles) using pollen analysis and molecular gut content analysis. Based on this, effects of the spatio-temporal availability of these resources on activity, fitness and the ecosystem services provided by the insects will be analysed. Working place is Landau, but a research stay in Switzerland (~3 months) is included in the early phase.

### **Employment conditions:**

We are seeking for a candidate with a very good university degree in biology, agronomy or environmental sciences and with profound skills in entomology. Research experience with insects, particularly wild bees and aphid antagonists as well as with field experiments, plant determination, GIS/remote sensing and palynology would be advantageous. Skills in English and German would be desirable.

It is the policy of the University of Koblenz-Landau to increase the percentage of female employees. If equally qualified, preference will be given to female applicants in fields where they are underrepresented. Disabled candidates are given priority, if equally qualified.

Applications should be send only by e-mail and include motivation letter, CV, certificates, publication list (if applicable). Please send your application, quoting the **reference number Ld 05/2016 - W**, as one PDF document to **Prof. Dr. Martin Entling**, [entling@uni-landau.de](mailto:entling@uni-landau.de). Application deadline is August 6th in 2016.

We do not send a confirmation of receipt. In accordance to the protection of data privacy all documents will be destroyed after the application procedure.