



The Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry located in Jena, Germany has an immediate opening for a

Research Coordinator

The Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry (MPI-BGC, http://www.bgc-jena.mpg.de) researches how biologically important elements like carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorous are cycled among the Earth's 'spheres' - biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere; including how humans are altering these cycles at the global scale. The Institute supports its research with field, laboratory, and remote sensing observations, manipulative experiments, and mathematical modeling of complex interactions from local to regional and global scales. Together with the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, we are building a new International Max Planck Research School for Global Biogeochemical Cycles. To put our research in the broader context of climate change and atmospheric chemistry we partner with the Max Planck Institutes for Chemistry (Mainz) and Meteorology (Hamburg) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) to form the Earth System Research Partnership.

We seek a Research Coordinator to support ongoing and new research initiatives in the Institute through a variety of tasks. These include: coordination and facilitation of Institute-wide activities and initiatives; representing the MPI-BGC and its directors in interactions with the central Max Planck Society, federal and state agencies, partner Universities (especially the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena), and other research Institutions, community groups and the general public. We envision an initial full-time contract of 2 years and a perspective for permanent employment.

The research coordinator is expected to work closely with the Directors and senior research scientists. The job requires a scientific understanding of research undertaken in the Institute to be able to communicate effectively among scientists and to prepare outreach materials and proposals. Our ideal candidate has a PhD in an aspect of Earth System Science - climate science, biogeochemistry, environmental science, or ecology - and the ability to work across scientific disciplines. The candidate should be able to work independently and possess the ability to supervise and organize people. Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal communication in German and English are required. Experience with modern electronic communication tools is highly desirable. electronic communication tools is highly desirable.

The financial conditions depend on experience and qualifications according to the tariff of the German public service (up to TVöD 14). The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply.

In order to ensure full consideration, a curriculum vitae, statement of professional goals, and the names of references should directed not later than March 31, 2010 by E-mail to Karen.schindler@bgc-jena.mpg.de or Martin.heimann@bgc-jena.mpg.de.





The Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry in Jena, Germany, is seeking a

COORDINATOR for the new INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOL FOR GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES.

This school is a joint initiative of the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry and the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena. It is designed for highly qualified Ph.D. doctoral candidates interested in interdisciplinary research on biogeochemistry—the cycling of biologically relevant elements among atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere. The program is intended for students from any country and the main language of the school will be English.

The post of the IMPRS coordinator is envisioned as a full-time post with an initial 2-year appointment

The task of the Coordinator is to organize and coordinate the running of the school in close cooperation with the Spokesperson of the School and the Executive Committee. This includes management of the selection procedure of the candidates for the internationally advertised fellowships; helping students with housing and legal matters; organization of lecture and seminar series, and of summer schools; invitations of guest lectures; organization of annual retreats; presentation of the IMPRS on the Internet; use of the internet as central medium for the school support.

He or she should have an academic degree; a Ph.D. in a field related to the IMPRS-programme is desirable. The coordinator is responsible for the general management of the school, the support of the young scientists and the relation with international organisations. We expect therefore a reliable and responsible person with good organizational and communication skills. The candidate should be able to work efficiently and independently in an interdisciplinary context with excellent skills in group organisation and with a good verbal and written knowledge of the English language and a sufficiently good knowledge of German to interact with the local staff. Good familiarity with electronic media is also required.

Salary follows the rules of the German public service. The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply

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