UNIVERSITÄT TRIER

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching that keeps pace with the times, with a strong focus on digitalization, interdisciplinarity, and diversity. People and their relationship to society, law, the economy and the environment are at the heart of our mission. With over 10,000 students and around 2,000 employees, Trier University is one of the largest employers in the European border region of Trier. Short distances on a green campus, a vibrant academic life, and an open-minded work culture offer many opportunities to make a difference.

At Department VI of Trier University (Geosciences Unit, Chair of Hydrology), the following position is available from September 1st, 2026, or by agreement, for a maximum duration of 6 years:

Research Associate (m/f/x)

(E 13 TV-L, 100%, fixed-term qualification position according to the German Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act [WissZeitVG], for a maximum duration of 6 years. The position is intended for further academic qualification.)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and curious researcher with a passion for innovative scientific ideas and the ambition to develop an independent research profile. Applicants are expected to complement and actively expand the hydrological research activities at Trier University through creative approaches and new scientific perspectives.
Possible research areas include e.g. ecohydrology, aquatic biogeochemistry or other related fields. We explicitly welcome applications from candidates working on data-driven/modelling-based approaches as well as experimental or laboratory-based research. We are especially interested in early-career scientists who enjoy interdisciplinary thinking, contribute their own ideas, and are eager to help shape emerging research directions.
A modern and versatile research infrastructure is available to support innovative projects. This includes laboratory facilities and analytical techniques for stable water isotopes, fluorescence spectroscopy, trace gases, ^{222}Radon, as well as FTIR, AAS, ICP-MS, and GC-MS/MS applications.

Your responsibilities
You will pursue your own academic qualification and contribute to the research and teaching activities of the group through:

- independent planning, implementation and analysis of externally funded research projects
- independent teaching contributions in Hydrology (4 teaching hours per week within the English-language M.Sc. programme Environmental Sciences and/or the German-language B.Sc. programme Environmental Sciences with a focus on water research, including supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses)
- participation in the administration and further development of the Hydrology group
- engagement in higher education teaching development and academic self-governance

Your profile
The formal employment requirements are defined by § 57 (2) and (3) of the Higher Education Act of Rhineland-Palatinate (HochSchG). Applicants are expected to hold an above-average university degree (Master's, Diplom, or equivalent) in Hydrology, Geoecology, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Geosciences, or a related field, as well as a completed doctorate in hydrology, geoecology, environmental sciences, or related natural or engineering sciences.

Please send applications in a single pdf-file until 12.07.2026.

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We are looking for a motivated and independent researcher who enjoys interdisciplinary collaboration and scientific exchange. Ideally, you have:

- interest in actively contributing to and shaping the research activities of the group
- a high degree of independence, creativity, flexibility, and organizational skills
- enthusiasm for scientific collaboration in an open and international research environment

What we offer

We offer the opportunity to develop your own ideas within a motivated and internationally connected research environment. You can expect:

- a broad range of professional development and training opportunities
- internationally active research collaborations and a supportive, collegial team
- an inspiring environment with room for independent research and innovative scientific ideas
- modern research infrastructure and diverse opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration
- a family-friendly university with childcare and holiday care services
- discounts for university sports facilities
- annual special payment according to the collective agreement (TV-L)

The position is generally suitable for part-time employment. The University of Trier is committed to increasing the proportion of female employees and therefore strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled applicants and persons considered equivalent under § 2 (3) SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if equally qualified (please provide appropriate documentation).

Please submit your application documents [CV, copies of certificates, a 1–2 page research statement, and publication list] without folders or covers and only as non-certified copies, as application materials will not be returned but destroyed in accordance with data protection regulations.

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