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The Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung (SGN) was founded in 1817 and is one of the most important research institutions in the field of biodiversity. At its eleven locations throughout Germany, scientists from almost 40 nations conduct cutting-edge research on an international scale. The Society's headquarter is in the Main metropolis of Frankfurt in the heart of Germany. This is also where one of the best-known Senckenberg facilities, the Senckenberg Research Institute and Natural History Museum, is located.

For our Division Botany and Molecular Evolution and the Herbarium Senckenbergianum at our **location in Frankfurt**, starting **as soon as possible**, we are looking for a

Scientist and Curator of Vascular Plants (m/w/d/)

(tenure-track, full time / part time options available)

The Senckenberg Research Institute and Natural History Museum Frankfurt is looking for an internationally recognized botanist with a strong track record of research in evolution of vascular plants, including topics such as taxonomy, phylogenetics, biogeography, trait evolution or evolution of biological interactions. The ideal candidate will apply innovative methods to generate scientific knowledge from natural history collections, e.g. through imaging approaches or molecular analyses, and is open for research cooperations with colleagues from related disciplines. The research programme should complement the scientific expertise within the Department of Botany in Frankfurt and Herbarium Senckenbergianum as a whole.

The Herbarium Senckenbergianum is a de-centralized scientific unit with collections in Frankfurt/Main (FR), Görlitz (GLM), Jena (JE), Weimar (IQW), and Wilhelmshaven. The position will include curatorial responsibility for the vascular plant collection of the Herbarium Senckenbergianum (FR), including the development and maintenance of associated online data bases and portals.

Your tasks:

- Conduct collection-based research in the broad field of vascular plants
- Develop the collections and associated resources of the Herbarium Senckenbergianum (FR)
- Highlight our collections as an important international research infrastructure through international networking, and development and growth of the herbarium collections
- Secure external research funds
- Publish results of your research in international scientific journals
- Participate in academic teaching and mentoring of students and graduates at Goethe-University Frankfurt as well as the Senckenberg-School for Technical Assistants
- Communicate with external stakeholders such as scientific associations, conservation agencies, local and regional authorities

Your profile:

- Doctoral degree in organismal biology/botany or a related field
- Expert knowledge of a relevant group of organisms and their systematics
- Excellent academic track record adequate to your career stage
- A research plan to implement innovative research methods, such as genomics or imaging methods, in a collections context
- Experience in curating and using research collections is desirable

What can you expect?

- A vibrant, international team of scientists with collection-based research programs, focussed on curiosity-driven research and the preservation of Earth's biodiversity
- Excellent infrastructures and collaborations opportunities, e. g. in morphology, genomics, evolutionary biology, (paleo-)ecology
- An attractive and challenging position in a research institution of international standing
- Opportunities to participate in teaching and outreach activities, e.g. in our museum and with collaborating universities
- A salary that reflects the responsibilities of the position and the experience of the candidate, based on the collective agreement for public service in the state of Hesse
- Life in a vibrant, internationally-minded city (population 750.000), a global hub for transport and culture
- Flexible working hours – mobile office - annual special payment – company pension scheme – 30 days holidays – strong support for work/life balance (certified by “*Audit Berufundfamilie*”).
- Secure employment that is robust to economic or health crises

Place of employment: Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Working hours: Full-time (40 hours/week), part time options are available
Type of contract: initially limited for a period of 3 years, an extension with the option of permanent position is dependent on positive evaluation (tenure track)
Salary: Ideally, the contract should start no later than the end of 2024. according to the German collective agreement of the State of Hesse (pay grade E 13, TV-H)

Senckenberg is committed to diversity. We benefit from the different expertise, perspectives and personalities of our staff and welcome every application from qualified candidates, irrespective of age, gender, ethnic or cultural origin, religion and ideology, sexual orientation and identity or disability. Women are particularly encouraged to apply, as they are underrepresented in the field of this position; in the case of equal qualifications and suitability they will be given preference. Applicants with disabilities ("Schwerbehinderung") will be given preferential consideration in case of equal suitability. Senckenberg actively supports the compatibility of work and family and places great emphasis on an equal and inclusive work culture.

How to apply?

Please send us your application documents containing

- a letter of motivation
- a CV with publication list
- a research concept
- copies of certificates and diplomas

in electronic form (as a single PDF file) by **May 20th** to recruiting@senckenberg.de referring to the **reference number ref. #01-24009** or apply directly on our homepage using the online application form.

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