

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen invites applications for a temporary professorship with civil servant status (grade W1 NBesO) with tenure track (grade W2 NBesO) at the Department of Crop Sciences effective at the earliest possible date:

### **W1 Professorship with tenure track to W2 in Grass and Forage Science (f/m/d)**

The successful candidate will initially be appointed for a period of three years. If the interim evaluation is positive, the employment contract will be extended for another three years. Transfer to a permanent professorship (W2) shall take place after another positive evaluation without the position being readvertised.

Organisationally, the professorship is part of the Department of Crop Sciences. It will play a central role in the programme of the new AgriFutur research building of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (the application for which is being submitted). This also underlines its role as a link to the Center for Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use. The successful candidate will be expected to assess the analysis of the sustainability of current grassland and forage production systems, especially on agrivoltaic areas, and promote the development of biodiversity-friendly, grassland-based production systems. This will include studying the interactions between vegetation and herbivores on pastures and developing the potential of herbivores as ecological engineers at the landscape scale. A particular focus will be on investigating and developing the potential of integrated crop/forage production systems for future climate zones and for improved sustainability to address climate change. This will be accompanied by the development of biological and technological innovations to improve the multifunctionality and sustainability of grass and forage production systems.

The successful candidate will have already demonstrated her/his potential in grassland and forage science in the form of first internationally visible publications. We are looking for a team-oriented and committed personality who is willing to cooperate with scientists within the faculty, but also with partners from neighbouring faculties of the University of Göttingen and beyond within the framework of DFG collaborative research or comparable formats. In particular, active participation in the new AgriFutur research building is expected after approval of the application and the use of synergies in cooperation with working groups from the Department of Livestock Sciences.

In teaching, the professorship is involved in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in Agricultural Sciences (Crop Sciences and Resource Management) and the Master's degree programme in Equine Sciences as well as in the doctoral programme of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Teaching is expected in German and English (if necessary, after a training period). The University of Göttingen attaches importance to research-oriented teaching. Relevant teaching experience in the field of grassland and forage production science is desirable.

Appointment requirements are stipulated by Article 30 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act in the most current version of that law. As a rule, applicants who have obtained their doctorate from the University of Göttingen can only be considered for a junior professorship if after the completion of the doctoral thesis they have transferred to another university or worked for a minimum of two years in research elsewhere. The University of Göttingen is a Public Law Foundation and thereby entitled to award professorships. Details will be provided upon request.

Applications from abroad are explicitly welcome. The University of Göttingen strives to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are underrepresented and therefore explicitly invites qualified female scholars to apply. The University has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports its employees in balancing work and family life. The University is

particularly committed to the professional participation of disabled employees and therefore welcomes applications from persons with disabilities. In the case of equivalent qualifications, applications from disabled persons will be given preference. In order for the University to be able to protect the interests of the applicant, information about a disability or equal status should be included in the application.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, certificates and transcripts, a list of publications, a record of teaching experience, a brief research perspective, and a list of successfully acquired third-party funding. Please send your application in English to the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel, no later than March 31, 2025 via the online [application portal](#).

If you have further questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Susanne Neugart ([susanne.neugart@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:susanne.neugart@uni-goettingen.de)).

The submission of the application constitutes consent under the data protection law and allows us to process your application data. For more details on the legal basis and data use, please refer to the information sheet on the [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#).

Please note that only the German version of this job announcement is legally binding.