At the **International Institute Zittau (IHI)**, a Central Academic Unit, the **Chair of Ecosystem Services** offers a position as

**Research Associate / PhD Student**

(subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

starting **January 1, 2022**. The position is initially limited for 3 years with 50% of the fulltime weekly hours. The period of employment is governed the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG). The position aims at obtaining further academic qualification (e.g. PhD). Subject to the availability of resources in the BMBF-project TeichLausitz, the weekly hours can be increased by further 15% for the project duration.

**Tasks:** independent research on governance options and policies for biodiversity conservation, especially payments for ecosystem services in sustainably managed pond landscapes; participation in conducting research projects; teaching in MSc classes and participation in the coordination of the English-speaking Master Program Ecosystem Services at IHI Zittau; participation in academic services and administration.

**Requirements:** very good or good university degree (Master or equivalent) in economics, agricultural or environmental social sciences, preferably with a focus in ecological economics or environmental economics; solid knowledge of the ecosystem services concept; very good German and English language and communication skills and proven interest to work in interdisciplinary teams. Experience in the interactions with stakeholders, as well as a background in qualitative and/or quantitative empirical methods in economics / social sciences are of advantage.

**We offer:** an attractive and engaging work environment in the inter- and transdisciplinary field of biodiversity and ecosystem services research; work at a university of excellence with an international profile in the heart of Europe; open, collaborative and creative work climate; professional education and training.

For questions about this position, please contact Prof. Irene Ring (irene.ring@tu-dresden.de).

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to people with disabilities.

Please submit your comprehensive application (cover letter, CV, transcripts, references) by **October, 19, 2021** (stamped arrival date of TU Dresden applies) preferably via the TU Dresden SecureMail Portal [https://securemail.tu-dresden.de](https://securemail.tu-dresden.de) by sending it as a single pdf-document to irene.ring@tu-dresden.de or by mail to: TU Dresden, Internationales Hochschulinstitut Zittau, Professur für Ökosystemare Dienstleistungen (Ecosystem Services), Frau Prof. Dr. Irene Ring, Markt 23, 02763 Zittau, Germany. Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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