

TUD Dresden University of Technology, as a University of Excellence, is one of the leading and most dynamic research institutions in the country. Founded in 1828, today it is a globally oriented, regionally anchored top university as it focuses on the grand challenges of the 21st century. It develops innovative solutions for the world's most pressing issues. In research and academic programs, the university unites the natural and engineering sciences with the humanities, social sciences and medicine. This wide range of disciplines is a special feature, facilitating interdisciplinarity and transfer of science to society. As a modern employer, it offers attractive working conditions to all employees in teaching, research, technology and administration. The goal is to promote and develop their individual abilities while empowering everyone to reach their full potential. TUD embodies a university culture that is characterized by cosmopolitanism, mutual appreciation, thriving innovation and active participation. For TUD diversity is an essential feature and a quality criterion of an excellent university. Accordingly, we welcome all applicants who would like to commit themselves, their achievements and productivity to the success of the whole institution.

At the **International Institute Zittau**, a Central Academic Unit of TUD, the

Chair (W3) of Ecosystem Services

is to be filled as **of October 1, 2027**.

Key Duties and Academic Responsibilities

The chair will represent the field of ecosystem services with an environmental-economic or ecological-economic focus in research and teaching, with a teaching assignment of eight semester hours per week (LVS). Priority of teaching lies in the international master's program "Ecosystem Services", which is conducted in English. The chair includes responsibility for the academic coordination and further development of this degree program. The master's program combines the expertise in natural sciences, economics, and social sciences of the International Institute Zittau (IHI), the Faculty of Environmental Sciences at TUD, the Senckenberg Museum of Natural History in Görlitz, and the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development in Dresden. Membership in the Faculty of Environmental Sciences at TUD is intended.

Research and teaching focus on the principles and methods used to assess and evaluate biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as integrating their values into private and public decision-making processes. The chair encompasses the strategic development of this interdisciplinary field in collaboration with neighboring areas of biodiversity and environmental research, as well as corporate sustainability and biodiversity management. Further responsibilities include the acquisition of competitive external research funding to support collaborative research initiatives and the promotion of early-career scholars. The chair is positioned at the intersection of business and economics, environmental sciences, and biology, engaging in interdisciplinary research and teaching. In addition, the chair involves active collaboration within TUD, including the Faculty of Environmental Sciences and the Faculty of Business and Economics, the cross-faculty Center for Sustainability Assessment and Policy (PRISMA) at TUD, the DRESDEN-concept research alliance, the TUD Campus Lausitz, the Hi! Lusatia network, the Academic Coordination Centre (ACC) of the Euroregion Neißة, and other local and international partners. The chair actively participates in academic self-administration and in the university's committees.

Requirements & Candidate Profile

We are seeking an internationally recognized individual (m/f/x) who will provide leadership in representing and advancing the field of ecosystem services, with a focus on environmental economics or ecological economics, in both research and teaching. Your academic qualifications are demonstrated by relevant publications in leading international peer-reviewed journals, an established international network, a successful track record in securing external research funding, and proven teaching excellence. Your work should encompass at least two of the following areas related to biodiversity or ecosystem services:

- Economic valuation of the environment
- Social scientific and integrated valuation approaches, e.g., deliberative environmental valuation

- Economic instruments of nature conservation and environmental policy
- Markets for the use and sustainable provision of ecosystem services
- Macroeconomic approaches, such as ecosystem accounting (integration of ecosystem services into environmental-economic accounting)
- Public finance/public economics
- Institutional economic approaches

In line with interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, you are expected to actively contribute to national and international networks in your field of expertise. You possess the ability to apply and further develop empirical methods, have strong pedagogical skills and teaching experience in the relevant field, and demonstrate the willingness and ability to teach courses in English. Experience in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaborative research is considered an asset.

The requirements for appointment, the official duties and the administrative status are governed by §§ 59, 69, 71 of the Act on Higher Education Institutions in the Free State of Saxony (SächsHSG) and the Saxon Regulation on Official Duties at Higher Education Institutions (HSDAVO). The chair can be filled either as a civil servant position or as an employment position.

For questions, please contact the head of the appointment committee, Prof. Dr. Remmer Sassen, Tel. +49-3583 612-4155; E-Mail: remmer.sassen@tu-dresden.de.

TUD strives to employ more women in academia and research. We therefore expressly encourage women to apply. The University is a certified family-friendly university and offers a Dual Career Service. We welcome applications from candidates with disabilities. If multiple candidates prove to be equally qualified, those with disabilities or with equivalent status pursuant to the German Social Code IX (SGB IX) will receive priority for employment. If you have any questions about these topics, please contact the Equal Opportunities Officer of the IHI Zittau (Ms. Uta Scheunig, +49 3583 612-4115; E-Mail: uta.scheunig@tu-dresden.de) or the Representative of Employees with Disabilities (Mr. Roberto Lemmrich, +49 351 463-39782).

How to Apply

We look forward to receiving your application by **October 30, 2026** (time stamp on the email server or the stamped arrival date of the university central Mail service of TUD applies).

Please attach the following documents to your letter of application:

- curriculum vitae in tabular form, synopsis of the academic career and a statement of motivation expressing why you are applying for this position
- list of academic publications, highlighting the five most important publications and overview of research projects with details of third-party funding acquired
- a short research and teaching concept
- list of courses taught, results of teaching evaluations covering the last three years
- copies of the certificates of all academic degrees.

We kindly ask you to submit your application by email. Please use the SecureMail Portal of TUD (<https://securemail.tu-dresden.de>) and send your documents in a single PDF document to:

direktor.ihl@tu-dresden.de. If you are applying by regular mail, please also attach your application documents in electronic form (CD or USB thumb drive) and send them to:

TU Dresden, IHI Zittau, Direktor, Herrn Prof. Dr. Thorsten Claus, Markt 23, 02763 Zittau, Germany.

TUD is a founding partner in the DRESDEN-concept alliance.

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