

At the University of Göttingen - Public Law Foundation - there is a position at the Agroecology & Functional Agrobiodiversity division as

Postdoctoral researcher (all genders welcome)

in the research project “[Building climate resilience in agricultural landscapes through social-ecological diversification, co-design and transdisciplinary learning \(AgRe-Lab\)](#)”. AgRe-Lab will be funded by zukunfft.niedersachsen, the joint science funding program of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture and the Volkswagen Foundation. The transdisciplinary AgRe-Lab project is focusing on the adoption of climate and biodiversity measures, together with co-design processes, landscape governance, and transdisciplinary learning. AgRe-Lab will investigate how these measures shape the social-ecological resilience of agricultural landscapes to adapt and remain productive under climate change.

This position provides excellent opportunities for professional development at the interface of science and practice. You will gain expertise in project coordination, participatory research, stakeholder engagement, and the co-creation of solutions that bridge scientific knowledge and real-world application. The position provides great opportunities to strengthen your academic profile through scientific publications and contributions to high-impact research. In addition, you will build a strong professional network spanning the agricultural sector, non-governmental organizations, and leading research institutions.

The **full-time position** should be filled **by October 1, 2026** (not later than November 2026) subject to the final funding approval. The salary is in accordance with the German public service salary scale (TV-L E13) with 100%, which corresponds to 39.8 working hours per week. The contract will be **for three years** and may be extended for an additional three years. The position involves both the scientific coordination of the AgRe-Lab project and conducting research in collaboration with AgRe-Lab partners.

Your profile

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic scientist with strong communication and organizational skills. Applicants must hold a completed university degree (Master's degree) and hold a PhD or are about to complete their PhD in agricultural sciences (e.g. agricultural economics, agricultural policy, agroecology), sociology, geography, ecology, or another discipline related to the social-ecological research of agricultural systems.

Candidates with a proven track record of interdisciplinary, and ideally transdisciplinary, research using participatory approaches in Living Lab contexts, combined with a strong conceptual understanding of agricultural landscapes as socio-ecological systems, will be viewed favourably. Fluency in written and spoken German and English is required, together with an excellent publication record.

The successful candidate will have proven experience in supervising Master's and Bachelor's theses, together with a demonstrated commitment to scientific outreach and communication. Experience with spatial analyses using QGIS, participatory mapping, or R, as well as qualitative and quantitative social science research methods, will be considered an asset. A valid Class B driving licence is required. A strong willingness to travel for field work and spend time at the Living Labs is essential.

Your tasks

- Implementation of Living Labs, including the selection of study landscapes and study sites; coordination and support of social-ecological research within the Living Labs; communication with regional implementation partners, authorities, and farmers
- Active participation in different transdisciplinary subprojects of AgRe-Lab with respect to data collection, analyses and writing of scientific publications, especially on social-ecological aspects and synthesis of the findings
- Manage the co-development of a digital tool for participatory landscape planning based on project outcomes
- Project administration, data management, organization of meetings and workshops
- Scientific outreach, knowledge transfer and science communication, including social media
- Collaboration with the ZkFN Office and exchange with other Climate Future Labs
- Co-supervision of bachelor, master and doctoral students
- Support of general project tasks and activities

Your application

Please upload your application in English including a letter of motivation highlighting also your research background and experience in scientific coordination, your CV with a publication list, copies of your certificates and contact information of at least two references **exclusively via the application portal of the University of Göttingen** <http://obp.uni-goettingen.de/de-de/OBF/Index/76526> . **Closing date for applications: 09.08.2026**. Job interviews are planned for the last week of August in Göttingen.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Catrin Westphal (catrin.westphal@uni-goettingen.de), further information can be found on our homepage: www.agrobiodiversity.uni-goettingen.de

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The university has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life. The University is particularly committed to the professional participation of severely disabled employees and therefore welcomes applications from severely disabled people. In the case of equal qualifications, applications from people with severe disabilities will be given preference. A disability or equality is to be included in the application in order to protect the interests of the applicant.

Please note: With submission of your application, you accept the processing of your applicant data in terms of Germany's data-protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the [Information General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)