

PHD POSITION IN PLANT ECOLOGY

We seek to fill PhD position (60 % a teaching assistant position) to develop a research program in plant ecology. The subject of research and the main research questions will be developed in conjunction with the PI. Possible themes of research could be but not only restricted to the ecology and evolution of plant-animal interactions, soil ecology, herbivory, community ecology, chemical ecology, ecological gradients, above-belowground interactions, the effect of climate change on alpine biodiversity, or conservation biology.

Qualifications: We seek an enthusiastic, responsible, and highly-motivated individual with excellent and interpersonal communication skills in verbal and written English, and a strong work ethic. We seek someone capable of conducting primary research, mostly in the field but also in the lab, for developing scientific publications targeted for prominent international journals. We seek someone with a Master degree in plant ecology, chemical ecology, or closely related field, particularly with an emphasis on plant functional ecology, metabolomic and phylogenetic analyses, and plant-biotic interactions. Good numerical and statistical skills, including the use of bioinformatic pipelines are desirable.

Place of work:
Institute of biology, University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Starting date:
There is some flexibility, but the anticipated starting date will be 1 January 2023.

Application:
The application should contain the following: 1) a cover letter describing yourself and your match to the above-mentioned project; 2) a CV describing your education, publications, and relevant work experience, 3) names and contact information for at least two references.

The application deadline is September 1 2022. Please, send all the information to Prof. Sergio Rasmann (sergio.rasmann@unine.ch).

