**Ref.#01-22022 Scientist (m/f/d) in Early Cenozoic Paleoenvironments**

The Senckenberg Society for Nature Research was founded in 1817 and is one of the most important research institutions around biological diversity. At its eleven sites throughout Germany, scientists from over 40 nations conduct cutting-edge research on an international scale. The company’s headquarters are in the Main metropolis of Frankfurt in the heart of Germany. It is also home to one of Senckenberg’s best-known facilities, the Senckenberg Natural History Museum.

Following its mission to “analyze and document biodiversity in Earth system dynamics – to serve science and society” Senckenberg fosters curiosity-driven as well as application-oriented collections-based research. Senckenberg is in charge of the UNESCO World Heritage Site ‘Messel Pit’.

At the Senckenberg Research Institute and Natural History Museum Frankfurt, we are seeking to fill the position of a

Scientist (m/f/d) in Early Cenozoic Paleoenvironments

(E13, 100%, tenure track)

We are looking for innovative and internationally recognized candidates (m/f/d) with an excellent track record studying Early Cenozoic evolutionary, paleoenvironmental or paleoecological processes that contribute to research efforts in the Eocene UNESCO World Heritage Site “Messel Pit”.

We are particularly interested in candidates who have a strong interest in interdisciplinary Earth system approaches either relating to paleoclimate change or focusing on organismic research in the context of global climate and environmental change during the Early Cenozoic. The ideal candidate has documented expertise in specimen/collection-based research and can contribute to developing long-term perspectives on the role of global change in paleo-biodiversity.

The selected candidate will develop a highly published and externally funded research program including the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Messel Pit”.

Your profile

Doctoral degree in Earth sciences (incl. paleontology), paleobiology or a related field

Excellent research record on Cenozoic paleoclimatic history or evolutionary dynamics documented by international peer-review publications

Experience or proven aptitude to develop interdisciplinary and innovative research approaches

Fluency in English both spoken and written; willingness to learn German

Keen interest in developing research in context of an UNESCO World Heritage Site including annual excavations.

What is awaiting you?

A vibrant, international team of scientists with collections-based research programs.

Excellent infrastructures and collaboration opportunities, e.g. biomarker/isotope geochemistry, virtual imaging, 3d-morphometrics, biostratigraphy, geochronology and paleoclimate research at Senckenberg but also at partnering institutions.

An attractive and challenging position in a research institution of international standing. The tenure track process adheres to the Senckenberg performance indicators and a merit-based career and promotion policy with the prospect of permanent employment.

Opportunities to participate in teaching and outreach activities, e.g. in the Senckenberg museums. Due to the high significance of the UNESCO World Heritage Site ‘Messel Pit’, good communication skills are essential for networking with national and international cooperation partners and authorities.

A salary that reflects the tasks and responsibilities of the position based on the collective agreement for public service in the state of Hesse (TV-H) and depending on the expertise of the applicant.

Flexible working hours – annual special payment – company pension scheme – 30 annual holidays – discounted job-ticket for public transportation in the Rhein-Main area – strong support for work-life balance (certified by “audit berufundfamilie”).

Life in a vibrant, internationally-minded city (population 750.000), a global hub for transport and culture.

Location: Frankfurt am Main

Scope of employment: Full-time (40 hours/week)

Type of contract: Initially limited for a period of 3 years (tenure track)

The position can be filled as soon as possible.

Senckenberg aims to increase the proportion of women. Qualified female candidates are therefore particularly encouraged to apply. Senckenberg is certified by the „audit berufundfamilie“. Compliance with the guidelines for the severely disabled and the provisions of the law on part-time work is ensured.

Interested?

Please send your application documents (CV, certificates and references, PDFs of 3 most important publications, letter of motivation and future visions for research and collections (max. 3 pages), mentioning the reference of this job announcement (ref.#01-22022) before 31.07.2022 by e-mail (attachment in a single pdf document) to

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