

In a joint appointment by the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries (Thünen Institute) and the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Leibniz University Hannover (LUH) the position as

Head of the Thünen Institute of Rural Economics (to be established)

conjoined with the appointment of a

Professor for “Economy of Rural Areas” at the LUH

is to be filled immediately in Höxter, Germany.

The joint appointment is based on the “Thüringer Modell”. Depending on the requirements met, the successful applicant will be employed either as a federal civil servant (Bundesbeamte) or as an employee based on the Collective Agreement for Civil Service (Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst Bund – TVöD). Salary for this position is based on the German Federal Remuneration System (remuneration up to level B3). At the same time, the applicant will be appointed as professor at the LUH. The requirements for an appointment as professor are defined in Section 25 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (Niedersächsisches Hochschulgesetz). The spatial focus of the professorship is on Germany.

The LUH (with over 30,000 students and app. 3,000 scientists) is the second largest university in Lower Saxony and one of the nine leading Universities of Technology in Germany. The LUH has faculties in a broad spectrum of subjects, ranging from engineering and natural sciences to architecture and environmental planning, from law and economics to social sciences and humanities. The Institute of Economic and Cultural Geography is part of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. With three professors for economic geography, it is currently the largest center for economic geography in Germany. In its latest Evaluation Report on Research, the "Scientific Commission Lower Saxony" recently judged the work group Economic Geography as “Outstanding”, the best possible rating.

The Thünen Institute is an independent higher federal authority and governmental research institute under the auspices of the Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL). In the future, it will consist of 15 institutes. The Thünen Institute conducts economic, ecological and technological research and provides policy advice, in particular to the national government. The new Institute of Rural Economics will be responsible for researching economic and working conditions in rural areas, for developing scientific foundations for further research, and for advising policy-makers on the basis of its findings. A detailed description of the institute’s tasks is available on the Thünen homepage (www.thuenen.de/wi_jointappointment)

Profile / detailed tasks

- Setting up and leading/managing the Institute of Rural Economics with a total of 21 permanent posts (planned)
- Establishing and continuously developing the institute’s profile, continuously preparing and coordinating its research concept as well as the resulting operational research program, and integrating them into comprehensive thematic strategies of the Thünen Institute as well as of the other departmental research institutes of the BMEL

- Orientating, initiating, coordinating, managing and supervising research activities as a basis for the development of policy recommendations, in particular for the BMEL
- Coordinating the Institute's policy advice to the BMEL, and other national and international organisations on request and on its own initiative, and participating in national and international committees
- Maintaining contacts with partner institutions, participating in the development of international networks
- Developing third-party funding strategies and raising third-party funds for the support and targeted development of the institute's profile
- Preparing target group-specific and proactive communication of the institute's research results for policy decision makers, scientists and the general public
- Teaching courses in "Rural Economics" at the LUH in the scope of 2 semester hours per week.

Requirements

We are looking for a person with a university degree and a doctorate in economic geography or economics. The person has published relevant scientific papers in national and international scientific journals in at least one of the fields of regional economics and/or economic geography and has sound knowledge of the economic, locational and labor market conditions in rural areas.

The person should have successfully acquired and carried out third-party funded projects. He/she should have experience in political consulting, in leading working groups, in teaching at the university level, and in national and international scientific cooperation.

The person should be able to convincingly represent concepts and results in written form, in lectures and in discussions. Exceptionally good German and English language skills are required. The person should have a high degree of leadership competence and be able to work together as a team even in stressful situations. The position also requires the ability and willingness to perform the administrative and management tasks associated with running the Institute.

The BMEL, the Thünen Institute and the LUH all aim at increasing the percentage of women in leadership positions, and qualified women are explicitly encouraged to apply.

Within the scope of the official responsibilities, the Thünen Institute offers flexible working hours in order to improve the compatibility of family and career. Requests for part-time employment will be considered if possible within the position to be filled.

The BMEL, the Thünen Institute and the LUH are committed to inclusion. Therefore, applications from disabled persons are highly welcomed. These will be particularly considered.

Handicapped applicants with equal qualification and adequate physical fitness will be given preferential consideration.

Applications must be submitted by **15 March 2021** (preferably as PDF by email) with proof of qualification, especially a detailed CV, certified copies or translations of original certificates and a list of publications under the reference code „**2021-020-PB Gemeinsame Berufung WI**“ to:

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