

The **Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology** (FBN) based in Dummerstorf near Rostock, Germany is a foundation under public law and member of the scientific community Gottfried-Wilhelm Leibniz. The scope of the institute with about 300 employees is basic and practical research in the area of biology for farm animals.

The Institute of Genetics and Biometry in co-operation with the Institute of Behavioural Physiology is offering a

**PhD Position**  
**starting now for three years.**

The salary is according to Tarifvertrag der Länder (TV-L) up to pay grade 13 (50 %).

**Reference number: 2015-02**

**Description:**

The applicant should contribute to the junior research group **Phenotyping of animal welfare** while pursuing his/her own qualification (PhD degree). The junior research group consists of bioinformaticians and behavioural biologists. The main research topic of the group is the establishment of a knowledge platform to connect animal behavior, methods for the evaluation of behavior, and the molecular biological background of behavior. The research aim is the creation and validation of a list of animal-based, practically applicable markers that may evaluate animal welfare.

**Requirements:**

- University degree (MSc-level) in biology, veterinary medicine, agricultural sciences, or any related discipline
- Willingness to work with farm animals (pigs and cattle)
- Knowledge in (farm animal) ethology and/ or animal physiology
- Good knowledge in experiment design and statistics
- Proficiency in English, spoken as well as written
- Personal initiative, capability for teamwork, and independent working style within this highly interdisciplinary junior research group

**We offer:**

- A good education, with the opportunity to earn a PhD

- Multifaceted and challenging research tasks in a performance-oriented and family-friendly environment
- Modern equipment and the integration in national and international research projects
- Employment according to TV-L; payment up to pay grade E 13 TV-L if qualifications are fulfilled
- Participation in the company pension scheme (VBL)
- Assistance with formal issues while settling into the new living environment, as well as with the integration into a dynamic and innovative research area

We are a modern internationally oriented research institute. The compatibility of career and family is one of our central aims. The Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN) is committed to increase the proportion of women in areas where they are underrepresented. Qualified women are encouraged to apply. Handicapped applicants will be given preference if they are equally qualified.

For further information please contact Dr. Silke Trißl ( [trissl@fbn-dummerstorf.de](mailto:trissl@fbn-dummerstorf.de) , phone +49 38208 68 930) or Dr. Manuela Zebunke ( [zebunke@fbn-dummerstorf.de](mailto:zebunke@fbn-dummerstorf.de) , phone +49 38208 68 976).

Application and travel expenses in the context of the application cannot be reimbursed.

We look forward to your application. Please send applications via e-mail to the address mentioned above or via post to:

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**The selection process is starting now and will be continued until staffing.**