

Job position

The Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut is one of the world's leading research institutes in the fields of animal diseases, animal welfare, animal husbandry, animal nutrition and farm animal genetics. It is part of the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity and informs and advises the federal government on these topics.

At the Institute of Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry in Celle (from September 2026 in Mecklenhorst/Mariensee with a newly built, modern animal husbandry center), the permanent full-time position is available at the earliest possible date of a

Research Scientist (m/w/d)

Tasks:

The successful candidate will assume scientific responsibilities in the field of cattle farming. The focus is on research into innovative housing systems and techniques, particularly with regard to improving animal welfare. Responsibilities also include acquiring and coordinating third-party funded projects, publishing research results, actively participating in scientific panels, and writing scientific opinions on cattle farming topics.

Requirements:

- Degree and PhD in Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Biology or a related field
- Proven experience and knowledge in research on cattle husbandry
- Experience in publishing in international peer-reviewed journals

Additional Qualifications:

- Knowledge and experience in research on
 - cattle husbandry techniques (Precision Livestock Farming)
 - behavioural and health problems in cattle related to housing conditions
- Experience in conducting animal experimental studies (incl. relevant qualifications)
- Knowledge of organic cattle farming and outdoor or pasture-based cattle farming systems
- Willingness and interest in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration
- Proven experience in acquiring third-party funding
- Experience in
 - coordinating collaborative projects
 - supervising doctoral students
 - managing staff

An independent workflow, a high intrinsic motivation and resilience, strong communication skills as well as the willingness to travel for several days (driver's license) are mandatory.

In addition to a challenging and varied job in a scientifically interesting and interdisciplinary environment, we offer you:

- a full-time employment (39 hours /week)
- an employment based on the Collective Agreement for Public Services (Tarifvertrag des öffentlichen Dienstes - TVÖD-Bund West) up to remuneration groups 14 TVöD- Bund West
- an excellent research infrastructure including a modern IT environment
- working in a highly motivated team

Our institute is committed to a family-friendly working environment by offering flexible working hours as well as the basic possibility of part-time employment. Our social benefits include company health and reintegration management, company social counseling, company pension plans and capital-forming benefits. The future location of the Institute for Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry in Mecklenhorst/Mariensee is well connected to public transport and supports the "Deutschlandjobticket".

We are a diverse and cosmopolitan community. In keeping with our international orientation, we welcome applications from people of all nationalities and ethnicities. Good knowledge of the German language or the willingness to learn it within a reasonable period of time is a prerequisite for the successful fulfilment of the tasks.

The Friedrich Loeffler Institute is committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore expressly encouraged. They will be given priority in the selection process.

The FLI aims to increase the proportion of women in leadership positions and explicitly encourages women to apply. In cases of equal qualifications, women will be given preferential consideration in accordance with § 8 of the Federal Employment Act (BGlG).

For further details please contact Prof. Dr. Schrader at +49 5141-3846-101 or by E-Mail to lars.schrader@fli.de.

We look forward to receiving your application, which should include a motivation letter, a CV, a publication record, a research statement and relevant certificates. Please submit your meaningful application by 15 July 2025 as a single PDF document by E-mail to 038.25@fli.de with the subject "Position 038/25".

Alternatively, you can send your application by post to the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Referat Personal, PO Box 1318, 17466 Greifswald - Insel Riems.

Please note that incomplete documents may lead to exclusion from the application procedure.

A confirmation of receipt and further communication will be sent by e-mail. Please check your spam filter settings!